

Dragon Core Committee
April 17, 2008

Present: Ellen Brisch, Chairperson, Travis Dolence, Wendy Frappier, Jill Frederick, Ron Jeppson, Liz Rowse, Jean Sando, Margaret Sankey

Absent: Laurie Blunsom, Ben Clapp, Michael Hughey (on sabbatical), Liz Johanson

Agenda Items:

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| 1) 4-10-08 Minutes | 4) CJ 111 | 7) BIOL 406 |
| 2) Open Forum Feedback | 5) HIST 376 | 8) Outer Cluster discussion |
| 3) SPAN 201, 202, 211, 212 | 6) HIST 374 | |

Committee Action:

- 1) 4-10-08 Minutes
Frederick moved. Sando seconded to approve the 4-10-08 DCC minutes.
Motion passed unanimously.
- 2) Open Forum Feedback
DCC members in attendance at the Dragon Core Open Forum reported that the same objections to the Dragon Core program were stated that have been voiced in previous discussions. In addition, there are problems with the MNTC.
- 3) SPAN 201 Intermediate Spanish I; SPAN 202 Intermediate Spanish II; SPAN 211 Intermediate Spanish Conversion I; SPAN 212 Intermediate Spanish Conversation II
Proposals did not address competencies.
No action taken.
- 4) CJ 111 American Criminal Justice
Proposal did not address competencies.
No action taken.
- 5) HIST 376 The World of Food
Sando moved. Frederick seconded to approve HIST 376 in the Outer Cluster DC 8: Global Perspective.
Motion passed unanimously.
- 6) HIST 374 Plagues and Peoples
Proposal did not make a connection to ecology and sustainability.
No action taken.
- 7) BIOL 406 DNA as Destiny: Genetics and Society
Frappier moved. Rowse seconded to approve BIOL 406 in the Outer Cluster, DC 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility and L.S. Div B. Course will be taught Summer 2008.
Motion passed unanimously.
- 8) Outer Cluster discussion
There are not enough seats in the Outer Cluster; students are not prepared to take 300 and 400 courses; and the competencies are very narrow in area 9.

Frappier moved. Sankey seconded to approve adding two of the MNTC competencies to DC area 9: Ethical and Civic Responsibility.

- Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
- Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

Motion passed unanimously.

Jeppson moved. Frederick seconded to allow 200 level courses in DC areas 8, 9, and 10 as well as proposing an optional languages 1C category to the Dragon Core. Students would be allowed to count 2 courses at the 100 level in the Dragon Core.

Motion passed unanimously.

Brisch moved. Sankey seconded to reinstate MATH 102 as a statistics course option in the Dragon Core. It was originally approved by the Liberal Studies Task Force but has since been mistakenly dropped from the MATH options.

Motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 a.m.

Jo Berg