Core Review Committee - Tuesday 12/2/14

2014-15 Members

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Lots of petitions discussed, including several for students trying to graduate right now.

Petition #1: Student was advised to take Math 103X to complete the math requirement for her BA. Unfortunately, she had taken Math 131X 18 years ago (which satisfied her core math requirement), and Math 131 and Math 103 are the same course (same title, same content, only there was a renumbering). Advisor had communicated that it was an advising error.

After some discussion regarding who, exactly, is in charge of the degree requirements (no one seems to know—it’s not “core”, though), request was denied, but we forwarded a recommendation to the provost that the student be allowed to use the second time of Math 103X to satisfy her BA requirements.

(We didn’t want to just say the requirement should be waived, in case the student doesn’t pass it...)
**Petition #2:** student wants to use a course taken as part of a foreign exchange to serve as his O course in biology. Some weirdness with the documentation that we were provided, and it seemed like the course should have transferred differently anyway since it was part of an approved foreign exchange. Caty will follow up. **Tabled.**

**Petition #3:** Student petitioned to use a 3-credit course from elsewhere that included a lot of library science to satisfy the LS 101 course. **Approved.**

**Petition #4:** Use a course on “Political Geography” to satisfy the Political Economy PHC requirement. **Approved.**

**Petition #5:** Use a freshman seminar course from 1997 from another university to satisfy the Comm requirement. (Revisited from 11/18) No syllabus was available. No documentation other than “we gave a bunch of talks”. Concern that the Comm courses here really focus on the theory and practice of public speaking, rather than focussing on, e.g., “Great Books”. **Denied.**

**Petition #6:** Student petitioned to use a Music Appreciation course form elsewhere for Art/Mus/Thea 200. The course should have transferred as being ok for that automatically; the confusion may be that the current title of the course is “Introduction to Music” but the student provided a syllabus indicating the course was called “Music Appreciation” at least in 2007 (student took it in 2006). Caty will follow up on why it didn’t transfer as expected. **Tabled.**

**Petition #7:** Use a D in Chem 103X from 2011 to satisfy core despite being now on the 2012-3 catalog. **Approved.**

**Courses:**

ED 486OW request: discussed the second version of the revised syllabus. After much discussion, **Approved** the O and W. Also **Approved** the request for changing **ED 412W** (to remove the W).

Maymester compression of SOC 100X. **Tabled** (we ran out of time.)

Calling a special meeting Dec 9 to discuss handful of petitions for December graduation (!) and the SOC 100X compression.