

Curricular Affairs Committee

Weds 15 October 2014 Minutes 3-4 pm Reich 300

present: **Brian Cook, Catherine Hanks, Dennis Moser, Rainer Newberry, Rob Duke, Todd Radenbaugh** (remote), **Jayne Harvie, Alex Fitts, Casey Byrne, Holly Sherouse, Libby Eddy, Linda Hapsmith,**

I. Approved minutes of Oct 1 meeting

II. Old business: what to do about C/O/W??

Rainer sent GERC a memo outlining problems with the proposed 'C' and suggested solutions. GERC met Tues 14 Oct. Leah Berman, GERC chair sent results of that meeting by email. These are listed below.

(0) There seemed to be consensus in the room that 2 C courses would be ok (albeit not ideal), rather than 3. This addresses some concerns that currently, in many disciplines, it is possible to meet the W/O requirement via two courses that are each W + O/2, or one WO course and one W course. Note that there's an implicit assumption that more than likely, departmental Capstone courses would be written in such a way as to satisfy the C requirements.

(1) We think it is important that the C courses integrate at least two forms of communication. (That is, we are choosing to not simply reformulate/revise the current W and O requirements.)

In particular, we want to require that C courses include x% writing component, y% oral component, and z% other mode, where $x > 0$, $y > 0$, $z \geq 0$, $x > y$, and the minimum allowable for $x + y + z$ is in the ballpark of 60%. (The particular percentages have not been discussed, really. Numbers banded about were 35% writing, 15% oral, 10% other, say, but I'm totally making those numbers up. Note the 'other' category *would not be required*.)

The y% oral component could be in modes other than in-class presentation; they might also include synchronous video presentation (e.g., Skype), asynchronous video presentation (video/slides with narration), etc., to allow for the development of C courses offered via distance. The z% "other communication" might include websites, blogs, prezi/powerpoint slides (without voiceover) etc.

Here, I think that these percents are probably "portion of the assessed work of this type that contributes to the grade" a la the current "W courses must have 50% of the assessed work be written" or what the current W guidelines say. Anyway, the point is that the committee thinks it's important that the C courses emphasize more than just writing but rather more forms of communication in a single course.

(2) It's important that the C courses focus on communication within the discipline; that is, that C courses take audience/genre into account.

(3) It is important that requiring human feedback on the C components of the course is baked into the guidelines for determining whether a course satisfies the requirements for a C.

(4) We are going to try to steal/modify language from the current W and O course descriptions when drafting the proposed guidelines for C courses.

(5) We are committed to providing options for C/2, but we need to determine what that would look like. (e.g., could a C/2 course *just* do some writing, or *just* some oral communication? Or would it need to do both, just less? We didn't have a chance to discuss this.)

III. New business GERC's proposed changes in Core requirements.

(Background: Pres. Gamble indicated to David Valentine that he'd approve any changes in UA regulations RE GERs and would even be willing to suspend regulations as needed. Dave's opinion: might as well get to work on revising UAF's core requirements, and assume that UA regs would be changed as needed.)

To that end we discussed

GERC-Proposed Changes in UAF 'CORE' requirements

Current Perspectives on the Human Condition	Proposed change
HIST F100X--Modern World History ECON/PS F100X--Political Economy ANTH/SOC F100X—Individual, Society and Culture	Two Introductory courses in two different social sciences (Note that at UAA History is a 'Humanities', at UAF a Social Science)
ENGL/FL F200X--World Literatures	An introductory course in the humanities (which could be a foreign language course)
ART/MUS/THR F200X, HUMS F201X, ANS F202X-- Aesthetic Appreciation	an introductory course in the arts which is not exclusively based on skills acquisition

BA F323X, COMM F300X, JUST F300X, NRM F303X, PHIL F322X, PS F300X--Ethics	An additional social science, humanities, or Arts course
1 Math + 2 lab natural science lab courses	1 Math + 1 Nat Sci lab course + an additional Math or Nat science course

There would be merit in making our new GERs as similar as possible to those of UAA and UAS, so as to get closer to the BOR mandate of 'common GERs'.

Below are copies of UAS and UAA's GERs

What strategies should we employ in moving towards modifications to 'CORE'?

- Should individual departments create lists of appropriate 100 and 200-level courses?
- What to do about History? (Suggestion: ask them if they'd be willing to change to 'Humanities')
- What to do about foreign language courses: should only 5-credit versions be included in the list of acceptable courses?? (not discussed)
- Math + 2 Nat Sci vs. Math + Nat Sci + Math or Nat Sci? (not discussed)
- Lower division only vs. Upper Division & Lower Division? (the mood was towards lower division)

We agreed that Rainer would contact Dave Valentine RE contacting UAA and UAS about possibility of changing Arts requirements and would prepare a motion for Fac Senate RE changes above.

Brian agreed to (a) ask History Dept how they felt about re-classifying as a 'humanities' and a list of possible classes/criteria under the proposed GER guidelines.

UAS GER REQUIREMENTS Minimum Credits 34

Written Communication Skills 6

ENGL S111 Methods of Written Communication 3

Select one from the following (3 credits):

ENGL S211 Intermediate Composition About Literature 3

ENGL S212 Technical Report Writing 3

Oral Communication Skills 3

Select one from the following (3 credits). Grade of C or better.

COMM S111 Fundamentals of Oral Communication 3

COMM S235 Small Group Communication and Team Building 3

COMM S237 Interpersonal Communication 3

COMM S241 Public Speaking 3

Fine Arts 3 Select one from the following (3 credits):

ART S160 Art Appreciation 3

ART S261 History of World Art I 3

ART S262 History of World Art II 3

MUS S123 Music Appreciation 3

THR S111 Theatre Appreciation 3

THR S211 Theatre History and Literature I 3

THR S212 Theatre History and Literature II 3

Humanities 3-6 Select a minimum of one from the following (3 credits):

AKL S105 Elementary Tlingit I 4

AKL S106 Elementary Tlingit II 4

AKL S107 Elementary Haida I 4

AKL S108 Elementary Haida II 4

ASL S101 Beginning American Sign Language I 4

ASL S102 Beginning American Sign Language II 4

ENGL S215 Introduction to Literary Study 3

ENGL S223 Survey of British Literature I 3

ENGL S224 Survey of British Literature II 3

ENGL S225 Survey of American Literature I 3

ENGL S226 Survey of American Literature II 3

ENGL	S261	Introduction to Creative Writing	3
HIST	S105	World History I*	3
HIST	S106	World History II*	3
HIST	S131	History of the U.S. I*	3
HIST	S132	History of the U.S. II*	3
HUM	S120	A Sense of Place: Alaska & Beyond	3
JOUR	S101	Introduction to Mass Communication	3
PHIL	S101	Introduction to Logic and Reasoning	3
PHIL	S201	Introduction to Philosophy	3
PHIL	S301	Ethics	3
RUSS	S101	Elementary Russian I	4
RUSS	S102	Elementary Russian II	4
SPAN	S101	Elementary Spanish I	4
SPAN	S102	Elementary Spanish II	4

Social Sciences 6-9 Select a minimum of two from the following from two disciplines:

ANTH	S101	Introduction to Anthropology	3
ANTH	S202	Cultural Anthropology	3
ANTH	S211	Fundamentals of Archaeology	3
ECON	S100	Introduction to Economics	3
ECON	S201	Principles of Economics I:Macro	3
ECON	S202	Principles of Economics II:Micro	3
GEOG	S101	Introductory Geography	3
GOVT	S101	Introduction to American Government	3
GOVT	S102	Introduction to Political Science	3
GOVT	S230	Introduction to Political Philosophy	3
GOVT	S251	Introduction to International Relations	3
HIST	S105	World History I*	3
HIST	S106	World History II*	3
HIST	S131	History of the U.S. I*	3
HIST	S132	History of the U.S. II*	3
PSY	S101	Introduction to Psychology	3
PSY	S250	Lifespan Development	3
SOC	S101	Introduction to Sociology	3
SOC	S201	Social Problems	3

Select one from the remaining humanities and social science courses (3 credits) .

***History courses can be used as humanities OR social science requirements, but not both.**

Mathematics & Natural Sciences 10-12 Select one from the following (at least 3 credits):

Mathematics and Statistics

MATH	S106	Concepts and Contemporary Applications of Mathematics	3
MATH	S107	College Algebra (or higher)	4
STAT	S107	Survey Statistics (or higher)	4

Select at least one from the following (4 credits): Lab Natural Sciences

BIOL	S103	Biology and Society	4
BIOL	S104	Natural History of Alaska	4
BIOL	S105	Fundamentals of Biology I	4
BIOL	S106	Fundamentals of Biology II	4
BIOL	S111	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	4
BIOL	S112	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	4
CHEM	S103	Introduction to General Chemistry	4
CHEM	S105	General Chemistry I	4
CHEM	S106	General Chemistry II	4
ENVS	S102	Earth and Environment	4
GEOG	S102	Earth and Environment	4
GEOL	S104	Physical Geology	4
PHYS	S102	Survey of Physics	4
PHYS	S103	College Physics I	4
PHYS	S104	College Physics II	4
PHYS	S211	General Physics I	4
PHYS	S212	General Physics II	4

The remaining 3 credits must be taken from mathematics, statistics, or the above natural science courses.

UAA vs UAF vs UAS General Education Requirements

UAA Courses	UAF Courses	UAS Courses
Tier 1: Basic College-Level Skills		
Oral Communications Skills — 3 Credits		
COMM A111, A235, A237, A241	COMM F131X, F141X	COMM S111, S235, S237, S241
Quantitative Skills — 3 Credits		
MATH A107, A108, A109, A172, A200, A201, A272 • STAT A252, A253, A307	MATH F103X, F107X, F161X, F200X, F201X, F202X, F262X, F272X • STAT F200X	MATH S107 • STAT S107
Written Communication Skills — 6 Credits		
ENGL A111, A211, A212, A213, A214, A311, A312, A414	ENGL F111X, F211X, F213X	ENGL S111, S211, S212
Tier 2: Disciplinary Areas		
Fine Arts — 3 Credits		
AKNS A215 • ART A160, A261, A262, A360A, A360B • DNCE A170 • MUS, A121, A124, A215, A221, A222 • THR A111, A311, A312, A411, A412	ANS F202X • ART F200X • HUM F201X • MUS F200X • THR F200X	ART S160, S261, S262 • MUS S123 • THR S111, S211, S212
Humanities — 6 Credits Outside the Major		
AKNS A101A, A101B, A101C, A101E, A102A, A102B, A102C, A102E, A201 • ART A261, A262, A360A, A360B • ASL A101, A102, A201, A202 • CHIN A101, A102, A201, A202 • ENGL A121, A201, A202, A301, A302, A305, A306, A307, A310, A383, A445 • FREN A101, A102, A201, A202, A301, A302 • GER A101, A102, A201, A202, A301, A302 • HIST A101, A102, A121, A122, A131, A132, A341 • HNRS A192 • HUM A211, A212 • JPN A101, A102, A201, A202, A301, A302 • LING A101 • MUS A221, A222 • PHIL A101, A201, A211, A212, A301, A313, A314 • PS A331, A332, A333 • RUSS A101, A102, A201, A202, A301, A302 • SPAN A101, A102, A201, A202, A301, A302 • THR A311, 312, A411, A412	BA F323X • COMM F300X • ENGL F200X • FL F200X • HIST F100X • JUST F300X • NRM F303X • PHIL F322X	AKL S105, S106, S107, S108 • ASL S101, S102 • ENGL S215, S223, S224, S225, S226, S261 • HIST S105, S106, S131, S132 • HUM S120 • JOUR S101 • PHIL S101, S201, S301 • RUSS S101, S102 • SPAN S101, S102
Natural Sciences — 7 Credits Including One Laboratory Course		
Laboratory Courses		
ASTR A103/L, A104/L • BIOL A102/A103, A111, A112, A115, A116, A178/A179 • CHEM A103/L, A104/L, A105/L, A106/L • ENVI A211/L • GEOL A111, A115/L, A178/A179, A221 • LSIS A102, A201, A202 • PHYS A123/L, A124/L, A211/L, A212/L	ATM F101X • BIOL F100X, F103X, F104X, F111X, F112X, F115X, F116X • CHEM F100X, F103X, F104X, F105X, F106X • GEOG F111X • GEOS F100X, F101X, F106X F112X, F120X, F125X • MSL F111X • PHYS F102X, F103X, F104X, F115X, F116X, F175X, F211X, F212X, F213X	BIOL S103, S104, S105, S106, S111, S112 • CHEM S103, S105, S106 • ENV S101 • GEOL S104 • PHYS S102, S103, S104, S211, S212
Non-Laboratory Courses		
ASTR A103, A104 • BIOL A102, A178, A200 • CHEM A103, A104, A105, A106 • CPLX A200 • ENVI A211 • GEOG A111 • GEOL A115, A178 • LSIS A101 • PHYS A101, A123, A124, A211, A212	ANTH F211X	ANTH S205 • ASTR S225 • CHEM S100 • GEOG S205 • GEOL S105 • OCN S101 • PHIL S206
Social Sciences — 6 Credits Outside the Major and From Two Different Disciplines		
ANTH A101, A200, A202, A250 • BA A151 • CEL A292 • ECON A123, A201, A202, A210 • ENVI A212 • GEOG A101 • HNRS A292 • HS A220 • HUMS A106 • INTL A101 • JPC A101 • JUST A110, A251, A330, A375 • LEGL A101 • LSSS A111 • PS A101, A102, A311, A351 • PSY A111, A150 • SOC A101, A110, A201, A202, A251, A342, A351 • SWK A106, A243 • WS A200	ANTH F100X • ECON F100X • PS F100X, F300X • SOC F100X	ANTH S101, S202, S211 • ECON S100, S201, S202 • GEOG S101 • HIST S105, S106, S131, S132 • PSY S101, S250 • SOC S101, S201