

**Texas Tech University
College of Arts and Sciences
Committee on Academic Programs
(ASCAP)**

**Minutes
Meeting of March 8, 2004**

The Arts and Sciences Committee for Academic Programs convened a scheduled meeting at 3:00 p.m. on March 8, 2004 in Holden Hall 129. Committee members present were Curzer, Desens, Geryk, Holaday, Massey-Stokes, Troyansky, and Stewart (Chair). Member Weinberg is on developmental leave for the semester. Proposal representatives present were Dr. Fred Suppe (Classical & Modern Languages & Literatures), Dr. John Zak and Mr. Sam Braudt (Biological Sciences), Drs. Sam Dragga and Susan Lang (English), Dr. David Roach (Communication Studies), and Dr. Raj Koul and Ms. Sherry Sancibrian (Speech, Language, & Hearing Sciences, School of Allied Health).

1. Committee approved the following two course proposals, submitted as *new courses*, pending their resubmission to the Dean's office as proposals for *changes in course credit hours and numbers* (i.e., from 1301 to 1501, etc.):

**PORT 1501 Beginning Portuguese I
PORT 1502 Beginning Portuguese II**

2. Committee rejected the following two proposals for new courses on several points: (1) the courses appear to invite mainly under prepared students; (2) the implicit "bail-out" option would have to occur too early (first week of classes) for students to gain a good sense of the course, and exceptions to change courses after add/drop cannot be promised; (3) committee was not convinced that offering students an option of one less semester of foreign language is consistent with the substantive pedagogy of the current two-course freshman and sophomore sequences; and (4) the existing SPAN 1507 model is a better approach pedagogically and substantively, in committee's view.

**GERM 1507 Intensive German First Year
RUSN 1507 Intensive Russian First Year**

3. The following new course proposal was approved with the understanding that the 6 hours of credit is to be based on the normal in-class contact time plus engagement in supervised language immersion while on study-abroad in a Spanish-language country (e.g., the TTU program in Seville). The course is not intended to be taught on-campus.

SPAN 1607 Intensive Spanish First Year

4. The following new course proposal was rejected on grounds of (1) an inadequate, "thin" syllabus; (2) ambiguity of the topics to be offered alternately; (3) lack of certainty on adequate staffing to teach multiple topics in rotation; (4) concern with students doing assignments in translation when it would be a course for the minor.

ITAL 3303 Italian Conversation & Writing

5. Committee tabled the following proposal for a new course. Although a strong sample of syllabi was presented with the proposal, committee is concerned with the provision of students taking the course in translation when it would serve the minor, and with the uncertainty of adequate staffing to teach the course in multiple topics in rotation. Committee would recommend that the course be repeatable only once for a total of 6 hours credit permitted.

ITAL 4301 Topics in Italian Literature

6. The following proposals for new courses were approved, assuming minor revisions to course descriptions and justifications outlined in the meeting.

PORT 3303 Studies in Portuguese

PORT 4300 Individual Studies in Portuguese

RUSN 3304 Russian Culture

RUSN 3305 Studies in Advanced Russian

SLAV 3301 Vampire Literature and Culture

7. The following proposals for changes to prerequisites stated in the course descriptions were approved assuming minor revisions made as outlined in the meeting:

BIOL 3309 Principles of Ecology

BIOL 3416 Genetics

BIOL 4409 Comparative Animal Physiology

8. Committee approved the following proposal to change credit hours and course number from 3 credit hours as 5360 to variable credit (1-3 hours) as 5060:

ENGL 5360 History and Theories of College Composition

9. Committee approved for recommendation to the University General Education Committee the following proposal to add the course to the Core Curriculum list of options in Individual and Group Behavior:

COMS 2350 Introduction to Communication Disorders

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m. The next scheduled meeting of ASCAP is set for April 12 at 3:00 p.m. in Holden Hall 129.