

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

**Minutes for the Meetings of
April 12, 2004 & April 26, 2004**

**And
Annual Summary of Committee Activity**

The Arts and Sciences Committee for Academic Programs convened scheduled meetings at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, April 12 and on Monday, April 26, 2004, in Holden Hall 129. Committee members present at both meetings were Curzer, Desens, Geryk, Holaday, Massey-Stokes, Troyansky, and Stewart (Chair). Member Weinberg is on developmental leave for the semester. Proposal representatives present on April 12 were LTC James Skidmore and CPT David Payne (Military Science), Dr. Robert Rupert (Philosophy), and Dr. Richard Peterson (Geosciences). Proposal representatives present on April 26 were Drs. Fred Suppe and David Larmour (CMLL) and Drs. Ruth Maki, Roman Taraban, and Jeff Larsen (Psychology).

At the April 12 meeting:

1. Committee voted to recommend approval of the following proposals from the Department of Military Science, pending receipt of revisions outlined in a separate memo to the department:

MILS 1101 MS1 Foundations of Officership 1	chg ti de
MILS 1102 MS1 Foundations of Officership 2	chg ti de
MILS 2201 MS2 Leadership and Teamwork 1	chg ti pr de
MILS 2202 MS2 Leadership and Teamwork 2	chg ti pr de
MILS 2203 MS2 Individual Studies in Leadership	chg ti pr de
MILS 3301 MS3 Leadership and Problem Solving 1	chg ti pr de
MILS 3302 MS3 Leadership and Problem Solving 2	chg ti pr de
MILS 3303 MS3 Individual Studies in Leadership	chg ti pr de
MILS 4301 MS4 Officership 1	add
MILS 4302 MS4 Officership 2	add
MILS 4303 MS4 Individual Studies in Officership	add

2. Committee voted to recommend approval of a proposal from Philosophy and a proposal from Geosciences incorporating revisions made at the meeting. (*N.B.* These proposals have been forwarded.)

PHIL 4333 Comparative Epistemology	add
ATMO 2316 Severe and Hazardous Weather	add

The April 12 meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

At the April 26 meeting:

1. Committee voted to recommend for approval the following proposals for new courses in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures pending receipt of some minor revisions as outlined in a separate memo to the department:

ITAL 4301 Topics in Italian Literatures	Add
PORT 5341 Intensive Portuguese for Graduate Students I	Add
PORT 5342 Intensive Portuguese for Graduate Students II	Add
LAT 4302 Individual Studies in Latin	Add
GRK 4302 Individual Studies in Greek	Add

2. Committee voted to decline recommendation of the following proposals for new courses in the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures for reasons explained in a separate memo to the department:

CMLL 5320 Seminar in Classical & Modern Literatures	Add
CMLL 5321 Seminar in Classical & Modern Languages	Add

3. Committee voted to approve the addition of the following four new minors and to approve proposed revisions to existing minors offered by the Department of Classical and Modern Languages and Literatures: (*N.B.* These new minors should be available with the inception of the 2004-2005 catalog.)

American Sign Language
Arabic
Chinese
Turkish

4. Committee voted to recommend approval of two course changes and two new courses in the Department of Psychology, including only minor revisions made at the meeting: (*N.B.* These proposals have been forwarded.)

PSY 4343 Language & Literacy Research & Applications	chg pr
PSY 4344 Cognitive Science	chg ti de
PSY 5329 Emotion	Add
PSY 5351 Psychophysiology	Add

The April 26 meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Annual Summary of ASCAP Activity

The Arts and Sciences Committee for Academic Programs acted on 127 course and program proposals in 13 meetings between September 2003 and April 2004. Committee approved 119 (94%) of the proposals. Of the total, 76 were for new courses or programs, 40 were for changes to existing courses or programs, 10 were for inclusion of courses in the Core Curriculum, and 1 was for deleting a course. The proposals came from 13 departments and 1 interdisciplinary program as follows: CMLL, 59 proposals; English, 19; Military Science, 11; Mass Communications, 8; Psychology, 8; Economics & Geography, 5; Environmental Toxicology, 5; Biological Sciences, 4; History and SASW each with 2; and Communication Studies, Geosciences, Philosophy, and LAIS each with 1.

In addition, at a few of its meetings ASCAP was able to discuss "streamlining the curriculum" in the areas of general degree requirements. Although no specific conclusions and recommendations were reached, the committee identified these issues as most pertinent for further consideration: the Technology and Applied Science requirement; need for greater resources in support of the foreign language requirement; whether the need for 8 hours in natural laboratory sciences; the utility of minors, whether to require them, and whether fewer hours for minors; and whether the restriction on hours completed outside the college.

Committee members Marliiss Desens (English) and Marilyn Massey-Stokes (HESS) concluded their terms of service to the committee on April 26. The college extends much gratitude to them for their excellent three years of work on the committee. Two new members will be sought to represent the Humanities and Social Sciences. Returning members in 2004-2005 will be Howard Curzer (Philosophy), Mandy Geryk (Student, Biochemistry), Scott Holaday (Biological Sciences), David Troyansky (History), and David Weinberg (Mathematics & Statistics).

Chairpersons are invited to provide feedback and suggestions regarding ASCAP procedures to Associate Dean Rob Stewart by June 1, 2004. The ASCAP procedures, meeting schedule, and membership roster for 2004-2005 will be distributed to all A&S units in August.