The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee **Minutes**

Thursday, February 22, 2018

Attending: Amber Crow (student member); Helena Dettmer (Chair); Steve Duck; Andrew Forbes; Meena Khandelwal; Cornelia Lang; Jerald Moon; Mary Noonan; Ana Rodríguez-Rodríguez; Rachel Williams

Absent: Kathryn Hall (staff)

1. The minutes from February 15, 2018 were approved as written.
2. UEPCC members briefly continued the conversation from the previous week concerning proposed minor changes to the Portuguese major. It was reported in conversations over the previous week with stakeholders in Spanish and Portuguese that everyone had agreed that the intensive course in beginning Portuguese should be offered for 5 s.h. instead of 6 s.h. The committee approved the other proposed changes, including increasing the number of hours required for the major by 3 s.h. hours and increasing the number of hours in PORT:050 from 3 to 4.
3. Robert Vizzini and AmyRuth McGraw, Lecturers, American Sign Language Program, presented a proposal to decommission the ASL and Deaf Studies Certificate. Rationale for this change included that the Certificate is largely redundant to the ASL Minor, which did not exist when the Certificate was started; that enrollment in the Certificate has dropped as students choose the minor instead; and that students often incorrectly assume that the Certificate is equivalent to national certification in ASL/English interpretation. Removing the Certificate may also facilitate a path to a major in ASL, which the Program aspires to implement. Committee members asked whether the existence of the certificate added extra work for the Program. It does not add extra course loads, but there is some strain on advisors who need to clarify what the Certificate is and its distinction from national certification.
4. The Committee had a short discussion about issues related to the needs of students with uncertain immigration status.
5. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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