

The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
The Undergraduate Educational Policy and Curriculum Committee

Minutes
240 SH
October 19, 2023

Attending: Cornelia Lang (chair), Asha Bhandary, Jill Beckman, Jean-François Charles, Rodica Curtu, Emilie Maurel-Destruel, Anita Jung, Amira Qidwai, Cinda Coggins Mosher, Christine Shea, Amy Strathman

Absent: N/A

1. The committee members first reviewed and approved the minutes from the UEPCC meeting on September 21, and then those from the meeting on October 5.
2. The committee next welcomed Amber Brian, Associate Professor and DEO of the Department of Spanish and Portuguese, who presented a proposal to close the B.A in Portuguese. Although the department currently offers a BA and a minor in Spanish and a BA and a minor in Portuguese, the current staffing does not allow them to offer the courses required for students to complete a major in Portuguese, and have not been able to do so since 2021. They are currently no majors and only 2 students in the minor. While there They are no tenured or tenure-track faculty specifically in Portuguese, but who cover classes in that area interest and competence in the language. For instance, two lecturers teach the accelerated classes (who also teach Spanish language classes), and Becky Gonzalez, an Assistant Professor of Linguistics, teaches a class taught in English about the linguistics of Portuguese. Finally, Amber Brian mentioned one class entitled “Writing and writers in Southern America” that class could fit in the new language pathways +1 course offerings, but it has been difficult for faculty to find time to develop new classes. The committee members praised the difficult decision made regarding the closure of the B.A. program and unanimously supported it.
3. Finally, the committee members reviewed and approved the minutes from the UEPCC meeting on October 12, continuing discussion about the new version of the MOPP. Discussion included edited language about the role of DEOs and the advisory role of Faculty Assembly.

Respectfully submitted,

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