Chair Shelly Elman called the meeting to order at 2:01PM.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 10, 2014 Meeting
   • A motion to approve the minutes was made, seconded, and passed unanimously.

II. Proposed Course Catalog Updates

A. Philosophy Program Modification (Minor in Philosophy)
   • Rationale:
     “Currently students must complete 18 hours for the religion minor, 9 of which include the following 2xxx classes: Introduction to World Religions (PHIL 2130), Introduction to Philosophy (PHIL 2010), and Critical Thinking (PHIL 2020). The Philosophy Program would like to give flexibility with regard to the latter two courses. Students would still be required to take 2130, but would then be allowed to take 2 of the following 3 courses: 2010, 2020, or Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 2030). Since these courses are far less concerned with religion, we believe nothing is lost by affording students such an option, and much is gained for the student and program.

     Permitting students greater flexibility as it relates to the 2xxx level requirements for the religion minor will encourage more students to study religion and therefore increase the number of religion minors. The following reasons are given for this program modification: 1) Sometimes students take PHIL 2030 and subsequently have interest in studying ethical issues as they relate to religion, but since 2030 has not counted toward the religion minor they feel that the course has in effect been wasted, and they are more or less discouraged from taking more courses. This would remedy that situation. 2) Other times students consider minoring either in philosophy or religion, but they are not sure which. This change would permit them more time to make that decision, all the while taking courses that count either way. 3) Since PHIL 2030 is in the core, students who take this course will now be able to use this course toward a minor that they would not have previously considered. 4) The Philosophy Program counts as a strength the requirement for religion minors to be exposed to philosophy, and this would support that priority.”

   Proposed by Dr. Mark Tietjen, Department of English and Philosophy
   • Status: Approved

B. Music Course Catalog Additions (MUSC 4230 and Music 5230: Technology in Music Education)
   • Rationale (for both courses):
“Integrating technology in Music Education is becoming increasingly more important each year. It is now essential for both delivery and assessment. This course will familiarize the students with current technology applications, websites, software, and hardware available within the music classroom and require them to detail and compare current options, create technology-based lesson plans, produce music through electronic means, and research current technology trends. It is also intended to create lifelong learners as technology is changing yearly.

Proposed by Dr. Josh Byrd, Department of Music

• Status: Approved

III. New Business

• Chair Shelly Elman raised two issues that were discussed by the committee:
  • 1. The new grade appeal sheet.
  • 2. Experiences of faculty with Learning Communities.

• Following the discussion, the following points were agreed upon:
  • 1. Executive Committee members will contact the Learning Community Coordinators within their respective departments and seek specific information as to their experiences this semester.
  • 2. Chair Elman will invite Dr. Helen Diamond Steele (Director of First Year Experience) and Sarah Jones (Assistant Director of First Year Experience) to a meeting of the COAH Executive Committee in the Spring 2015 semester.

IV. Adjourn

• A move to adjourn was made, seconded, and approved at 2:19PM

Respectively Submitted,

Charles Lipp, Associate Professor of History, Secretary, College of Arts and Humanities