

## INTERDISCIPLINARY STUDIES COMMITTEE MEETING

October 22, 2010

3:00 P.M. –Lincoln Room

Memorial Union

Present: Pat Munzer, Chair; Paul Prece, CAS; Jane Tanking, SON; Hwa Chi Liang, CAS; John Paul, CAS, Tammy Baker, Mabee; Joan Bayens, VPAA office. Proposed Course Presenter: Keith Rocci

The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by Pat Munzer. Pat asked Keith to introduce himself and provide information regarding the proposed classes.

In front of the committee today were four classes proposed by Dr. Alan Bearman and his staff. Keith explained that IS classes have been on the University schedule since 1989 and have been taught online for the past several years. The Library staff wanted to expand the electronic learning opportunities and built several classes to offer to students.

The first two classes discussed were IS 171 (Internet Research Strategies) and IS 172 (Advanced Research Strategies), which build on IS 170 (Library Research Strategies). Each of these courses could be taken as 5 week courses and all three could be taken within one semester. However, students must take IS 170 in order to enroll IS 171 (Internet Research Strategies) and IS 172 (Internet Research Strategies).

Discussion was held regarding

- “Testing out” and Keith indicated, although not completed yet, there has been talk about a competency test that students could take in a proctored setting. Again, this hasn’t been finalized yet.
- Whether these two courses would be proposed for Gen Ed credit. It was determined that at some point soon the Library staff would propose this.

After discussion, a vote was taken and all members present, and those who afforded a proxy, voted unanimously to recommend these two courses (IS 171 and IS 172) to Academic Affairs.

IS 173 (Information Literacy for Scholars): This course is currently being offered to High School students. The thought was this course could be offered so others would have an additional opportunity for research. This course is to be offered once a semester (a 16 week course).

Discussion was held regarding

- Whether this was to be a one hour course or a three hour course.
- Whether this course could be taken in addition to IS 170, 171 and 172 or instead of.

Keith was asked to gain clarification on these issues and then resubmit the information with that clarification noted. Once that information is received, it will be forwarded to the Committee members who will be asked to review it and vote electronically.

IS 174 (Trace Your Family History): Keith introduced this course discussion indicating this would be a special topics course and offered online only. This course will also be proposed as a Gen Ed credit. Much discussion as to the components of the course was had but all members present felt this was a worthy course to offer.

All voted unanimously for this course to be passed along to Academic Affairs.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.

Addendum: On November 4, 2010, the committee held an electronic vote regarding the modifications made to the proposed IS 173 course. A unanimous decision to recommend this course move to Academic Affairs was received.

All minutes were approved by the committee.

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