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Minutes, September 5, 2017

In attendance: 5 students, 9 members, Jayne & Wendy (+ guests)

I.   Update from vetting teams

II.   Gail wants us to archive the emails - thoughtful process for HLC.

III. Discuss Psychology Proposal   (guest: Dan Corts)

- Can't do everything under semesters while maintaining the footprint- so design a coherent major under the constraints that we have.
- EPC members should hold firm to those standards that we've committed to regarding small footprint / double majors.
- Big changes you'd like to highlight?
    - APA guidelines - ex: pillars
- 2 credits of electives?
    - Another 4 credit course or experiential learning

IV.   Course Descriptions

- More info would be helpful
- "Nominally more than a catalog description"
- Will need more info for GenEd designations
- HLC will need to know how courses have changed as they go from 3 to 4 credits. Can that come as a step after we've approved the major?

V.   Discuss Political Science proposal (guests: Chris Whitt, Xiaowen Zhang)

- Didn't expand footprint
- Removed public policy as stand alone subfield - but adding into other courses & planning for collaboration with other preexisting programs (PUBH, Upper Mississippi Center)
- Political Theory - staffed by visiting professor. Hope to have a tenure-track at some point in the future
- Two 200 level - G/D suffix
- Methods (301/302) - 2 credit courses (replace 1 credit research practicum and accumulating credits over years)
- It is possible to do SI in another department - substitute another elective under consultation with advisor. Methods courses will still contribute to their approach to problems even if they do their SI in another department.
- POLS 450 is an individually-mentored SI for students who cannot take POLS 490 due to scheduling issues.

- Minor proposal edit: POLS 490 → POLS 390 in course description.
- 2 credit courses: can do full-term, or half-term.
- Minor proposal edit: POLS 203 → 201 and 201.
- Suggested edit: add requirement of 8 credits at the 300-level for the minor

VI. Closing comments
- EPC is ready to act. We don't have problems with the structure of either major, but we have questions remaining about HLC requirements for course descriptions.
- Motion to approve Psych: Jim, 2nd: Taddy (passed w/one nay)

Adjourned at 5:50p

Submitted by Shara Stough