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# Educational Policies Committee Meeting Minutes 9/5/17 4:30 p.m., Old Main 127

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 (quests: 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