

Mason Core Committee Meeting Minutes
Monday, March 23, 2015 – 9:00 – 10:30 am

Attendees: Janette Muir, Hermione Pickett (for Marcy Glover), Kim Eby, Stephanie Hazel, Frank Allen, Becky, Rick Diccheio, Melissa, Tamara, Hugh, Mara

Meeting Commenced at 9:02 am

Approval and discussion of Mason Core Courses

1) ARTH399

- Proposed as a special topics course
- After review of the syllabus, are special topic courses to be reviewed each time offered?
- Presented to this committee – doubtful of blanket approval
- Topic is too broad; will course be offered again and in same format?

ACTION: Not approved

2) BUS200

- Satisfies global understanding requirement
- Final project not really related – needs some revision

ACTION: Approved

3) CONS491

- Discussion on whether synthesis course vs. capstone -
- Need to know more regarding timeline, how course ties in with multi-disciplines, stakeholders; must meet learning outcomes 1 and 2 and item#1 of outcome 3
- Can tentatively pass with stipulations

ACTION: Approved

4) MIS301

- Some concern on IT course – use vs application (IT being used as a tool rather than learning)
- Discussion on whether ethics will remain in IT category
- Some stipulations:
 - 1) With IT ethics; need to integrate ethics into course more – what are ethical boundaries
 - 2) In syllabus clarify statement “regrading”
 - 3) In syllabus clarify “grading scale”

ACTION: Approved

5) **SOCW375**

- No need to have this as a Mason core

ACTION: Defer until more information

6) **HIST326**

- Stretching to fit into global understanding category
- Learning outcomes do not really articulate well

ACTION: Disapprove

7) **HIST327**

- Same as HIST326

ACTION: Disapprove

8) **SYS489**

- Sr. seminar
- Doesn't fit; not relevant

ACTION: Disapproved

9) **Study Abroad Proposals** – need to go through individual units

Meeting adjourned at 10:37 am