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CAP Committee
Monday, October 12, 2020
2:30-3:20 p.m. via Zoom

Present: James Brill, Anne Crecelius, Jon Fulkerson, Heidi Gauder, Fred Jenkins (*ex officio*), Andrea Koziol, Drew Moyer, Michelle Pautz, Danielle Poe, Tim Reissman, Scott Segalewitz (*ex officio*), Randy Sparks (*ex officio*), Bill Trollinger, David Watkins

Excused: Sabrina Neeley (*ex officio*), Maria Newland

Guests: Dorian Borbonus, Myrna Gabbe

I. Introduction: Andrew (Drew) Moyer was recently appointed as the second student representative on the committee.

II. 4-Year Review Appeals

A. The committee continued discussion from the previous meeting.

1. PHL 350: Classical Greek Philosophy

a. Discussion: Myrna Gabbe was present. She provided an explanation about her background with assessment and the assessment approach used for this course, as well as a rationale why she doesn't find rubrics to be an effective tool. The committee appreciated the innovative approach and qualitative perspective. The committee also recognized the challenge that complex learning is hard to assess no matter the discipline and that assessment is an iterative process. The committee is supportive of having a variety of ways to conduct quality assessment. Once there are more examples of strong qualitative assessment, the committee can think about developing some guidelines. The committee also discussed whether there is a distinction between evaluation and assessment.

b. Committee's actions: A motion was made and seconded to approve the appeal and renew the course for four years. It was approved by a vote of 10-0-1 (in favor-against-abstention).

2. HST 328: Tolstoy's Russia

a. Discussion: The assessment plan has been strengthened through the revision and seems to cover a variety of student artifacts. It was commented that selecting "no less than 10% of students" for assessment might not be a representative sample depending on enrollment and the criteria used to select the students. The committee was hesitant to suggest a minimum sample size since that type of feedback has not been provided consistently. The committee discussed the possibility of revising the "recommended elements" document to clarify expectations in the future.

b. Committee's actions: A motion was made and seconded to approve the appeal and renew the course for four years. It was approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (in favor-against-abstention).

3. HST 363: The Wealth of Nations: A History of Economic Thought

a. Discussion: The same comments from HST 328 apply to this course.

b. Committee's actions: A motion was made and seconded to approve the appeal and renew the course for four years. It was approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (in favor-against-abstention).

4. HST 368: The Soviet Experiment: From Lenin to Putin

a. Discussion: The same comments from HST 328 also apply to this course. In addition, a typo was noted that the assessment plan has some references to 1801-1917 that should be post-1917.

b. Committee's actions: A motion was made and seconded to approve the appeal and renew the course for four years. It was approved by a vote of 11-0-0 (in favor-against-abstention).

III. Plans for Upcoming Meetings

- A. October 19 and 26: The committee will not meet.
- B. November 2: The committee will meet. The preliminary agenda includes discussion of the internal report form that subcommittees will use to evaluate and provide feedback on 4-Year Review reports.

The meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Judy Owen, CAP Office