University-Wide Impact Committee Minutes 10/17/13

Absent: P. Beals, A. Marsoobian, T. Regan, H. Lockwood,

I. Call to Order
The meeting was called to order at 09:41 am (quorum reached)

The “class size” issue arose and dominated some of the conversations regarding course proposals. UWIC acknowledges that there are 2 issues here – strategic and tactical. UWIC needs to evaluate proposals under the current forms of LEP documents. In particular, UWIC has the following statement with respect to LEP Tier 2 courses:

We have approved GEO 100 and MUS 110 as Tier 2 courses, noting that in Spring 2014, each of these courses has a section capped at 200 students. UWIC is concerned that it will be difficult, if not impossible, for the required writing assignments to be appropriately assessed in these sections without the provision of additional resources (e.g., graduate assistants or additional faculty). Offering "mega-sections" without additional resources undermines the goals and intent of LEP Tier 2 courses, which place a premium on the further development of core competencies. In addition, we are concerned that commitment of graduate assistants from other disciplines to assist in instruction may not be particularly beneficial because the graduate students may not have the ability to adequately respond to the nuances of material in a course outside their area of study.

II. Old Business: Revised Proposals
Revisiting Previous proposals.

History 228, Modern Latin America – LEP Tier #2 Global Awareness
Motion: B. Rowe moves to APPROVE, D. Petroski seconded
Vote: 12 approve, 1 abstention

Geography 100, People, Places and Environments – LEP Tier #2 Time and Place
Motion: D. P. moves to APPROVE WITH CLARIFICATION, M.S. seconded
Vote: approved - unanimous, (2 additional UWIC members arrived to hear this discussion)

Music 110 – Music History of the Western World – Tier #2, Cultural Expression
Motion: K. K. moves to APPROVE WITH CLARIFICATION, M.S. seconded
Vote: approved - unanimous

Art 104 – History of Western Art 1 – Tier #2, Cultural Expression
Motion: D. P. moves to APPROVE WITH CLARIFICATION, D. C. seconded
Vote: approved - unanimous

Art 105 – History of Western Art 2 – Tier #2, Cultural Expression  
Motion: D. P.  moves to APPROVE, D. C.  seconded  
Vote: approved - unanimous, (2 additional UWIC members arrived to hear this)

History 104  – Islamic Civilization – Tier #2, Global Awareness  
Motion: M.S.  moves to APPROVE WITH CLARIFICATION, D.P.  seconded  
Vote: approved - unanimous

History 105  – Introduction to Southeast Asian History: Southeast Asia to 1500 – Tier #2, Global Awareness  
Motion: M.S.  moves to APPROVE WITH MINOR REVISIONS, L.B.P.  seconded  
Vote: approved - unanimous

II. New Business:

Nothing considered. All remaining proposals tabled (ITA 380, FRE 410, HIS 106)

III. Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at  10:53am. Minutes submitted by Scott Graves