Date: February 29, 2008

To: Michael Bess, Chair, Faculty Council

From: Karen Campbell, Chair, Committee on Educational Programs

Re: February 25 actions

The Committee on Educational Programs met on Monday, February 25; in attendance were Karen Campbell (chair), Laura Carpenter, Dan Funk, and Doug Hardin (voting members). Ex officio members present were Deans Martin Rapisarda and John Sloop. Michael Muise came to help us keep everything straight.

The CEP voted unanimously in favor of:

1. Each of several study abroad programs:

   • CIEE direct credit program in Barcelona, Spain
   • CIEE direct credit program in Stellenbosch, South Africa
   • CIEE direct credit program in Dakar, Senegal
   • exchange program with the Foundation for Educational Exchange between Canada and the U.S. through the Killam Fellowships Program
   • Student Exchange Agreement between Vanderbilt and Stockholm University, Sweden.

2. Substantial proposed revisions to major in French. The reasons for the proposed revisions are described in Professor Scott’s memo of February 14. Several courses included in the new categories of courses in French are apparently under consideration by the Curriculum Committee, and do not yet appear in the course listings in the proposed catalog copy.

3. The proposed revisions to the major in French will necessitate parallel changes in the minor in French, the honors program in French, and the major in French and European Studies. Please see Professor Scott’s memo outlining these changes, each of which CEP approved.

4. Addition of a new course, EUS 203 (approved last fall by Curriculum Committee), to the requirements for the major in European Studies. Professor John McCarthy has met with Directors of Undergraduate Studies in departments that house other “EUS” majors (e.g., the major Spanish and European Studies), but the proposal to add EUS 203 to the major requirements applies (for now) only to the major housed in the European Studies program.
5. Addition of EUS 203 to the minor in European Studies.

6. A proposal from the Department of History to add a fifth area of concentration—Middle East and Africa—to the major in history. We requested and received clarification of which courses could be counted toward this concentration from Professor James Epstein, DUS in the Department of History.

7. A proposal from the Department of History to require History 200 as a prerequisite for History 295 (the department’s capstone course for majors).

8. Proposed change of the name of the Center for Latin American and Iberian Studies to the Center for Latin American Studies.

9. Proposed addition of an indigenous language option to the foreign language requirements for the major and minor in Latin American (and Iberian) Studies.

10. Proposed replacement of two similar calculus sequences with a single sequence in the major and minor in Mathematics.

11. Proposed revisions to the major in Public Policy Studies. We noted that, with prerequisites in Economics and Political Science, the major will require 48 hours. All of the options for prerequisites also count in AXLE categories “History and Culture of the US” or “Social and Behavioral Sciences.”

12. Proposed revisions to the major in Women’s and Gender Studies. (CEP had previously approved the deletion of the required senior paper from the major.)

13. Proposed revisions to the minor in Women’s and Gender Studies.

On behalf of myself and members of the CEP (and future CEPs), I ask that departments and programs submitting proposals to CEP please do so by the stated deadlines (this year, February 15, after which we received at least three new proposals) and take care with the proposals. CEP members identified errors and inconsistencies in several of the proposals that came to us; these should have been resolved at the department level before the proposals were submitted to CEP. Although we did not do so, I believe that CEP has the right to refuse to act on proposals that are late, incomplete/incorrect, or both.