



28 July 2014

Dean William Blomquist  
School of Liberal Arts

Dear Dean Blomquist:

What follows is a summary of the work of the Liberal Arts Graduate Curriculum Committee for the 2013-14 school year. The committee members were Catherine Dobris; John McCormick; John Tilley; Elee Wood-Agenda Council Rep.; and Thomas J. Davis, SLA Administrative Rep. I served as chair.

The Committee helped troubleshoot, and move forward, several course requests that had been held up at the IU Graduate Curriculum Committee. These courses included, ANTH-A 532 [10/11]; ECON- E511 [12/13]; ENG-L635, 643, 657 [11/12]; GEOG-G540 [11/12]; PHIL-P515, 543, 561 [12/13]; POLS-Y 657; WLAC-F580; WLAC-F694 [12/13]. The Committee also oversaw the final approval for a 5year BA/MA Program in Philosophy and a proposal for a PhD Minor in Bioethics (proposals that were submitted by the Philosophy Department during the previous academic year).

The Committee also oversaw the final approval of the Medical Humanities and Health Studies Graduate Certificate Program, a proposal also carried over from the previous academic year. The Department was also busy developing new graduate courses and our Committee approved three of these: M501 (Perspectives on Health and Disease); M595 (Clinical Practicum); and M520 (Culture of Mental Illness).

The Department of World Language and Culture submitted a proposal, which we approved, to revise the required curriculum in their MAT in Spanish to make the Salamanca Spain Program optional.

The Museum Studies Program, in consultation with the Public History program requested approval for a minor change in course requirements for the Museum Studies Certificate only for students also completing the Public History MA; our Committee reviewed and approved this request.

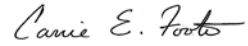
The Committee also approved a new course for Geography - G478/ G578, Global Food Systems as well as approved a request from Economics to count the Indiana University Bloomington Economic Dissertation Course (E809) to be taught on our campus. Economics also submitted a proposal for a 5 year BA/MA which we approved.

The Committee also reviewed the SLA Graduate Committee Webpage, and associated documents, and made several recommendations and edits to improve errors therein. Dean

Davis also requested the committee to provide feedback on draft proposals for a PhD Program in American Studies and a BAJD Six Year program in (Political Science Department and IU Law Robert Mckinny School).

Altogether the Committee sent forward four new syllabi, one new certificate program, one new PhD minor program, and two new 5 year BA/MA programs. There are no outstanding items.

Sincerely,



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Chair, SLA Graduate Curriculum Committee