

IDOCS minutes for Sept 27, 2006

1. Meeting came to order at 3:30 in Buntrock Commons 146.
2. Present: Solveig Zempel (IGS Dean), Cate Redman (Student Rep), Maura DeChant (Student Rep), Dona Freeman (FA), Jeane Delaney (Humanities and Chair), Eric Lund (IOS Director), Katherine Baker (Registrar rep), Bruce Hanson (FNSM), Kris MacPherson (Social Science)
3. Minutes of Sept 20 were approved with spelling correction for Kris MacPherson.
4. Our new student rep Maura DeChant was introduced to the committee.
5. Updates from Eric:
 - a) Some of this year's abroad interims may have to raise fees because of rises in airline prices and sinking of the dollar vs the Euro.
 - b) Looks like most off-campus interims will run, although probably not Theater in NY.
 - c) IOS is monitoring the situation in Thailand. Situation in Chiang Mai seems to be ok.
 - d) Chuck Huff's course proposal for Term in the Mideast has been revised a bit. Title of course has been changed to "Culture and Morality: Middle East Perspectives". Catalogue description was rewritten. The course is now approved for recommendation to the faculty.
6. Discussion of simplification of process for applying for ongoing off-campus interims:

After much discussion it was agreed that under the section **Off-Campus Interim Courses** in the IDOCS Policy and Procedures Manual the following amendments should be made:

B4: Change "Courses shall have at least 20 class days" to "Courses shall have at least 20 instructional days". This language seems clearer.

C3: Change "It is expected that the duration of an off-campus Interim will be 26 days." to "It is expected that the duration of an off-campus Interim will be between 24 and 28 days."

It was also agreed that we should consider the following 3 options for reviewing on-going off-campus interim courses. (The current regulations for this are set forth in section H of **Off-Campus Intereim Courses**.)

 1. Instructor indicates any changes in the course each time offered and Director of IOS decides if the changes are major enough to warrant a full review of the course.
 2. Same as 1) except that an IDOCS subcommittee makes the decision in place of the Director of IOS.
 3. On-going interims are reviewed fully at regular intervals (to be determined).
7. Jeane reported from the CCC (Curriculum Coordinating Committee):
 - a) Each committee is charged by the CCC to complete an inventory of its tasks and report them to the CCC by Oct 11. Kris and Jeane will look at what past minutes have to say about IDOCS functions. Bruce and Eric will check the IDOCS manual. At the Oct 3 meeting the committee will put together its inventory for the CCC.
 - b) Jeane stated that if we have concerns about folding IDOCS into a bigger committee we should make those concerns known asap.

Some of the concerns brought up by the committee were:

 1. Will the reincarnation of IDOCS in the new system have the necessary expertise? Will representatives be appointed instead of elected?
 2. Will there be student representation on the new committee?
8. Committee meeting ended promptly at 5:00.

Respectfully submitted by Bruce Hanson