

New York City College of Technology
Interdisciplinary Committee
March 25, 2014

Reneta D. Lansiquot, Founding Chair
David B. Smith, Secretary

Present: Dionne Bennett, Monica Berger (Webmaster), Candido Cabo, Justin Davis, Paul King, Jean E. Kubeck Hillstrom, Janet Liou-Mark, Sean P. MacDonald, Robert Leston, Olufemi Sodeinde, Andleeb Zameer, Rebecca Shapiro (non-voting member)

Absent: Reginald A. Blake (excused), Gwen Cohen Brown, Aida Egues (excused), Urmi Ghosh-Dastidar, Ezra Halleck (excused), Laina Karthikeyan (excused), Laureen Park, Johannah Rodgers

Chair Reneta D. Lansiquot called the meeting to order at 2:30 PM

1. Minutes from February 25, 2014 meeting were approved.
2. Reneta announced changes to committee membership.

Interdisciplinary Committee (IDC) members welcomed Dionne Bennett from the African American Studies department who has attended a few IDC meetings as a new IDC member. Kara Pasner from the Vision Care Technology department is no longer a member because she has never attended a meeting. Sheila Miller resigned from the IDC due to “scheduling and other conflicts” at the beginning of the semester, January 28, 2014.

3. Rebecca discussed the state of the interdisciplinary course brochure.

Some suggestions were made to add to the brochure, which will be updated and presented at our next meeting.

4. Jean and Sean, Co-Chairs of the Existing Courses subcommittee, presented a course for interdisciplinary course designation.

SBS 2000 Research Methods for the Behavioral and Social Sciences

Reviewers: Candido Cabo and Justin Davis

Concerns were raised about the scalability of the Guest Lecture model.

This must have the department Chair approval.

Recommended: 12, 0, 1

Dionne decided to abstain because she is a new member.

Jean pointed out that the proposal notes that all sections of this course will be run as interdisciplinary, which will not be the case. Reneta and David pointed out that we approved the model of how the course will be run as interdisciplinary.

Jean proposed that only certain sections of this course that adhere to the approved model be designated as interdisciplinary, which is already the policy of the IDC. To avoid confusion during implementation, IDC members voted unanimously in support of Jean's proposal.

5. Reneta, Chair of the New Courses subcommittee, presented a course for interdisciplinary course designation

CST 1102 Programming Narratives: Computer Animated Storytelling

Reviewers: Aida Egues, Andleeb Zameer, and David B. Smith

Candido pointed out that this course is intended for non-majors, and explained why it adheres to the NYS DOE guidelines for Liberal Arts & Sciences courses.

Recommended: 13, 0, 0

6. Next meeting Tuesday, April 29 after College Council, at approximately 2 PM.

Motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 3:30 PM.