**In Attendance:** Reneta Lansiquot, Sean MacDonald, Amanda Almond, Monica Berger, Reginald Blake, Heidi Boisvert, Gwen Cohen Brown, Candido Cabo, Marta Effinger-Crichlow, Laina Karthikeyan, Paul King, Ezra Halleck, Anna Matthews, Diana Mincyte, Laureen Park, Olufemi Sodeinde, Robert Walljasper, Andleeb Zameer, and guests Tamrah Cunningham (CST) and Darya Krym (PHYS).

**On Leave:** Jean Hillstrom

**Excused:** Aida Euges

**Absent:** Rebecca Shapiro and Denise Sutton

Quorum met: 1:07 pm

Three courses were discussed before voting for approval. Two course sections (ENG 1710 & PHYS 2443), and one course (SOC 2380) was approved by the committee.

* “Modern Physics” 4 credit hours (Lab and Lecture): what constitutes 20% of the “course.”

 -followed with discussion of the content and what constitutes “modern”

-Proposer present for discussion: 20th century changes in physics equated a paradigm shift, impacting human society (namely, physics, tech, and SOCIAL changes)… *permeating philosophy of nature of reality and of observation.* This course is a way to bring this context to these students: e.g., history professor and the impact of nuclear technology and warfare. Of its influence, namely, the change in language in philosophy.

-Based on popularity: as enrollment increases, it would increase the number of sections… this brings up re-visiting guest lecturers.

Amanda makes motion to vote to approve. Motion withdrawn.

Reneta motioned to vote to approve based on updates on Math Portion achieving 20% of course/as required.

 Vote: one abstention; All remaining votes in Favor

* “Sociology of Education”

-Sean presented her review notes. Criteria met. ID perspective was evident. Objectives were strong and ID in nature. Differing from other sections (relatively new course). Strong approval. Some weaknesses—no guest lecturers from philosophy, historians, and anthropologists. Could, moving forward, run with different guests (broad, ID theme, with plenty of room for growth). Guest lecturers are adequate. And each lecture slot has a general “focus” for future filling/matching of lecturers.

Motion to vote for approval: Laina. Gwen seconds motion. One abstention. All remaining votes in Favor.

* ENG/CST “Language and Technology”

-Strengths in objectives, learning outcomes, and abilities gained in course. Both proposers present to yield inquiries and concerns. Concerns about use of Second Life technology. Argument was for cost, and use being tailored for assignments. Lots of potential for future development. The goal is primarily for written and verbal communication. Language evolves as technology involves: it would be worthwhile to keep ‘fresh’ with current technologies.

Motion to vote for approval: Diana, Sean seconded. One abstention. All remaining votes in Favor

Final points discussed:

Ways in which to allocate course credit time to those teaching ID.

Thinking about the General Education and preparing for the Chair’s Colloquium

Think about survey results.

Future thinking: Science in the Kitchen. How can BIO get involved.

Volunteers solicited to review Spring 2018 ID Syllabi (Amanda, Robert, Heidi, Anna, Laureen, Andleeb, Laina, and Diana)

Meeting adjourned 2:07pm