**Courses and Curriculum Committee**

**Minutes**

**February 19, 2025**

Present: Alice Blackwell, Jennifer Wright, Richard Elder, Cole Franklin, Jennifer Stegall, Adena LeJeune, Laurie Pittman, John Allen, Sandra Purifoy, Ahmed Shaffie, Kerry Ordes, and Elizabeth Duck

Absent: None, all members were present

Guests: Eamon Halpin and Bobi Delaney

The meeting was called to order at 3:06 pm once a quorum had been established.

Dr. Alice Blackwell gave a broad introduction to the slate of modifications to be considered. All were from ENGL.

* She explained that the department is trying to reduce bottlenecks and roadblocks for students who transfer in many hours but do not technically have the LSUA 2000-level prerequisites.
* Dr. Blackwell also noted that, while some of the objectives need to be updated, this can be done without this committee’s approval; these objectives can be updated using another form in Curriculog. Generally, this committee does not weigh in on objectives in MCO’s for courses that were already approved some time since.

Dr. Alice Blackwell asked the Committee to consider batch voting on the ENGL courses being reviewed at the meeting.

Dr. John Allen made a motion to batch vote where appropriate. Dr. Ahmed Shaffie seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (Blackwell, Elder, Franklin, Stegall, LeJeune, Pittman, Allen, Purifoy, Shaffie, Ordes, and Duck) 11 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. One member (Wright) did not vote due to being absent.

The first course reviewed was ENGL 3011, *American Poetry*. The effective date, CIP, and department vote was noted. No new faculty were needed. The only change was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed. Jennifer Wright entered the meeting at 3:10 pm.**

**The modification of ENGL 3026, *Literary History*, was discussed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote was noted. No new faculty were needed. The only change was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**Next, the modification of ENGL 3030, *American Slave Narratives*, was reviewed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only change was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

ENGL 3173, *Southern Literature*, was discussed. The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**The modification of ENGL 4026, *Studies in Poetry*, was reviewed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**The next course, ENGL 4040, *Studies in the Novel*, was discussed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**Modification of ENGL 4148, *Studies in Shakespeare*, was reviewed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**Next, the modification of ENGL 4231, *Studies in Literature and Film*, was reviewed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**ENGL 4300, *African American Cinema*, was discussed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**The modification of ENGL 4593, *Women Writers*, was reviewed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**Lastly, the modification of ENGL 4674, *Major African American Writers*, was discussed.** The effective date, CIP, credit hours, and department vote were noted. No new faculty were needed. The only modification was changing the prerequisite requirement **from "one 2000-level literature course" to "one 2000-level literature course or permission of instructor." The course description, objectives, and topical outline were not changed.**

**Richard Elder made a motion to approve the modifications of ENGL 3011, ENGL 3026, ENGL 3030, ENGL 3173, ENGL 4026, ENGL 4028, ENGL 4040, ENGL 4148, ENGL 4231, ENGL 4300, ENGL 4593, and ENGL 4674. Elizabeth Duck seconded the motion. The motion passed by voice vote (**Blackwell, Elder, Franklin, Stegall, LeJeune, Pittman, Allen, Purifoy, Shaffie, Ordes, Wright, and Duck) 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. All Committee members voted.

Dr. Blackwell announced a meeting would be necessary next Wednesday, February 25, 2025. An agenda would be forthcoming.

Richard Elder made a motion to adjourn with Jennifer Stegall seconding the motion. The motion passed by voice vote **(**Blackwell, Elder, Franklin, Stegall, LeJeune, Pittman, Allen, Purifoy, Shaffie, Ordes, Wright, and Duck) 12 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining. All Committee members voted.

The meeting adjourned at 3:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Purifoy

Secretary