

Curriculum Committee Chair's Report 3/6/24

Dear Colleagues,

On the consent agenda we bring to the faculty ten new course proposals from NPS that we have reviewed and approved. These courses are:

- ART 257 - The Expanding Renaissance
- BUS 266 - Business Modeling in Excel
- CHEM 363 - Environmental Chemistry
- CHEM 381 - Biophysical Chemistry
- GSS 175 - Introduction to Trans Studies
- GSS 255 - Hip Hop Feminism
- HIST 111 - History of Witchcraft in Europe
- HIST 233 - Sexualities & Empire
- KINES 291 - Topics in Kinesiology
- REL 268 - The Ethics of War

In addition, the consent agenda contains two items from PPAS. The first are minor modifications to the January term policy made to reflect current practice. The second is a new, retroactive policy for awarding posthumous degrees. This will allow St. Olaf to recognize the academic achievement of students who have completed all or nearly all of their degree requirements but died before graduating.

CPS brought forward changes both to the Social Science ILOs, the first updates to ILOs since the OLE Core, and guidelines for making future changes to ILOs. We expect changes to additional ILOs in the Natural Sciences soon.

In addition, CPS brought forward changes to the Russian Area Studies, including the Discontinuation of the Russian Language Major, Modifications to the Russian Area Studies Major, and a name change to Russian Studies.

The Curriculum Committee continues to discuss issues related to final exams and the calendar. Should anyone have questions about these or any other curricular issues, please send me an email. I would be pleased to talk with you.

Yours truly,

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