

CAO MEETING #15 (February 3, 2025)

Present: Jianyu Liang (MME, Chair), Gizem Arslan (HUA, Secretary), Nick Blank (Director of Academic Programs, Undergraduate Studies), Farley Chery (IMGD), Arne Gericke (Interim Dean of Undergraduate Studies), Sarah Miles (Registrar), Paul Reilly (Assistant Dean of Student Success), Qingshuo Song (MA), Steven Van Dessel (CEAE), Qi Wen (PHYS&BME)

Absent: none

Scheduled: Monday, February 3, 2025

Location: Zoom

NEW BUSINESS

1. Motions to change the course descriptions for SP 3524 “Latin American Literary Landscapes: Narratives and Culture,” ID 3525/SP 3525 “Latin American Films: Identity, History and Culture,” ID 3526/SP 3526 “Comparative Business Environments: Political Economies in Latin America,” ID 3527/SP 3527 “Spanish for Business: Enhancing Global Communication,” SP 3528 “Spain Through the Ages: A Cultural Exploration,” ID 3529/SP 3529 “Caribbeanness: Writing the Spanish Caribbean,” ID 3530/SP 3530 “Narratives on Screen: Contemporary Spain through Films,” ID 3531/SP 3531 “Contemporary Us Latino Literature & Culture: Race, Identity and Belonging,” SP 3532 “Voices of Spain: Exploring Classic and Modern Spanish Literature,” SP 3533 “Ecocrítica: Environmental Cultural Production in Latin America,” and SP 3534 “Cross-Cultural Dialogues: Selected Topics in Spanish” were conditionally approved pending clarification on course start years.
2. Concurrently with #1, the committee discussed whether to require descriptions for Category II courses to include an indication whether the course will be offered in even or odd years, in order to aid students in planning their schedules and departments in staffing their courses. It was agreed that Arne Gericke (Dean of Undergraduate Studies ad interim) and Sarah Miles (Registrar) would draft a motion at a later date to address this question.
3. A motion by the department of Bioinformatics and Computational Biology to offer a new major in Systems and Theoretical Biology was tabled pending further information from the department and the Committee on Governance (COG).

SUBSEQUENT ELECTRONIC BUSINESS

1. Motions to update the course descriptions for the courses SP1523 “Elementary Spanish 1: Building the Basics”, SP1524 “Elementary Spanish II: Developing your

Skills”, SP 2521 “Intermediate Spanish I: Expanding Language Proficiency”, SP2522 “Intermediate Spanish II: Elevate Your Spanish”, SP 3521 “Advanced Spanish I: Exploring Complex Language and Culture”, and SP 3522 “Advanced Spanish II: Perfecting Proficiency” were approved by email.

2. A motion to change the course description for BME 4814/ME 4814 “Biomaterials” was approved by email.