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**Faculty Senate Curricular Affairs Committee
Four Hundred Sixty-Seventh Report**

At the January 26 meeting of the Curricular Affairs Committee the following matters were considered and are now presented to the Faculty Senate. All matters require confirmation. 400-level changes are not for graduate credit and do not require Graduate Council approval.

College of Arts and Sciences

1. Department of Computer Science and Statistics

ADD: **CSC 414 Computer Systems Fundamentals (4)**

The operating principles and analysis of current computer hardware systems, operating systems, and networks (Lec. 3, Lab. 2) Pre: 101 or permission of instructor

2. Department of Political Science

A. CHANGE: the following courses

- 1) PSC 113: title to "Introduction to American Politics", credits to "(4)" and method of instruction to "(Lec. 3, Rec. 1)"
- 2) PSC 116: title, credits, description and method of instruction to

PSC 116 Introduction to International Politics (4)

Nature of the state system, foundations of national power, means of exercising power. Cooperative interactions between states. Current international problems. (Lec. 3, Rec. 1)

- 3) PSC 201: credits to "4" and method of instruction to "(Lec. 4)"
- 4) PSC 288: credits, to "4," description to "Political and social analysis of the American legal system, particularly at trial court and street levels, roles of participants in that system with court observation" and method of instruction to: "(Lec. 4)".
- 5) PSC 303: credits to "4" and method of instruction to "(Lec 3, Practicum 2)."
- 6) PSC 305: credits to "4," description to "An exploration of the political process In Rhode Island in an age of New Federalism. Examination of the political development of the state and the character of contemporary politics and policymaking," prerequisite to "Pre:113" and method of instruction to "(Lec 3, Practicum 2)."
- 7) PSC 341: credits to "4" and method of instruction to "(Lec. 3, Practicum 2)"
- 8) PSC 342: credits to "4" and method of instruction to "(Lec. 3, Practicum 2)"

- 9) PSC 365: credits to “4”, description to “ Analysis of the American party process with some attention to comparative party systems. History, organization, functions, methods, problems, and prospects for reform. Focus on interpersonal interactions with party leaders and activists.” And method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Practicum 2)”
- 10) PSC 368: credits to “4”, description to “Examination of public opinion and formative influences upon it. Role and implications of public opinion in governmental process. Focus on the practical analysis of public opinion data.” and method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Online 1)”
- 11) PSC 369: credits to “4” and method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Online 1)”
- 12) PSC 370: credits to “4” and method of instruction to (Lec. 3, Practicum 2)”
- 13) PSC 377 credits to “4” and method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Practicum 2)”
- 14) PSC 402: credits to “4” and method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)”
- 15) PSC 403: credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 210 and 212 or 402.”
- 16) PSC 406: number to “417 (406)”, credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 211 and 212 or permission of instructor.”
- 17) PSC 407: number, title, credits, description method of instruction and prerequisite:

416 (407) Russian Politics and Society (4)
An upper-level introduction to the politics and society of Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States. (Lec. 3, Project 3) Pre: 211 and 212 or permission of instructor.
- 18) PSC 431: credits to “4,” description to “Analysis of the various theories of international relations and study of the major factors influencing the politics of international conflict, trade, organizations, and other interactions between international actors,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 211 and 212 or permission of the instructor.”
- 19) PSC 434 credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 211 and 212 or permission of the instructor.”
- 20) PSC 440: credits to “4” and method of instruction to “(Seminar 3, Project 3)”
- 21) PSC 443: credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 240 or 341 or 342 or any 300 level philosophy course or permission of instructor.”
- 22) PSC 461: credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 210 and 212 or permission of instructor.”
- 23) PSC 472: credits to “4,” method of instruction to “(Lec. 3, Project 3)” and prerequisite to “Pre: 371 or permission of instructor.”

B. ADD: The following new courses

- 1) **PSC 210 American Politics: Theories and Applications (4)**
The core course for political science majors pursuing the American Politics Track. Students identify, apply and criticize the major theories used to interpret American Politics. (Lec. 4)
- 2) **PSC 211 World Politics: Theories and Applications (4)**
The core course for political science majors pursuing the World Politics Track. Students identify, apply, and criticize the major theories used in World Politics. (Lec. 4)
- 3) **PSC 212 Introduction to Political Science (4)**
The core scope and methodology course for all political science majors. Topics covered include: history of political science, evaluation of its current character, and the extent to which politics can be studied scientifically. (Lec. 3, Rec. 1)
- 4) **PSC 320 Comparative European Politics (4)**
Introduces students to the major political, economic and social systems of Europe through a detailed examination of the United Kingdom, France, Germany, Italy, and Russia. (Lec. 3, Online 1)
- 5) **PSC 371 The Constitution and the Supreme Court (4)**
The historical role of the Constitution and the Supreme Court in American democracy. Analysis of leading constitutional decisions regarding governmental powers and civil rights and liberties. (Lec. 3, Online 1)
- 6) **PSC 422 International Political Economy (4)**
Examines the impact of political and economic influences on interactions between and within states. (Lec. 3, Project 3)
- 7) **PSC 435 Theories of International Conflict (4)**
Analysis of the various theories of international conflict. Topics include interstate war, international disputes, interstate rivalry, and democratic peace theory. (Lec. 3, Project 3)

C. DELETE: The following courses:

- 1) **PSC 109 (or MTH 109) Politics and Mathematics (3)**
- 2) **PSC 301 Comparative Politics (3)**
- 3) **PSC 401 Comparative European Politics (3)**
- 4) **PSC 404 The Assassination of John F. Kennedy (3)**
- 5) **PSC 487 Rebuilding Our Communities: Theory and Practice (3)**

D. CHANGE: Curricular requirements for the B.A. in Political Science:

Students selecting this field must complete a minimum of 32 credits (maximum 48) in Political Science including PSC 113 (4), PSC 116 (4), PSC 212(4) and either PSC 210(4) or PSC 211(4). Students must select one 300(4) level experiential course and two 400(4) level research seminars.

E. ADD Minor in Political Science:

Students declaring a minor in Political Science must earn 20 credits including PSC113 (4), PSC116 (4), either PSC 210 (4) or PSC 211 (4) and any two other Political Science courses at the 300 level