Faculty Action Sheet

At the fifth regular meeting of the 2017–2018 academic year on January 31, 2018 the following action was taken by the Smith College faculty:

I. The faculty voted to approve the December 13, 2017 meeting minutes.

II. The following items were recommended by the Committee on Academic Priorities and approved by the faculty:

A. New Courses as Permanent Offerings
   1. ARH 286 Why Did the Performance Cross the Road?
   2. ECO 360 Economics of Crime
   3. FYS 173 Through the Green: Reading the Landscape of Golf

B. Permanent Topics Courses and Topics
   1. SPN 246 Through the Jewish Lens: A Latin American Story

C. Additional curricular items
   1. Change in prefix for EAS 220 to ENV 230
   2. ENG 231 change to title and course description
   3. ENG 233 change to title and course description
   4. GOV 310 Seminar Topic on Native Americans and the American Political System to become a separate course: GOV 205 The Return of the Native Indigenous Peoples in the New Global Order, with a new course description

D. Changes to the requirements of an existing major or minor
   1. change in the history of philosophy requirement for the Philosophy Major: two courses in the history of philosophy, one in the Western tradition (e.g., PHI 124, PHI 125) and one in a non-Western tradition (e.g., PHI 112, PHI 127).

[See the “Greensheet” for a full list of new titles and course descriptions, and for curricular information distributed by CAP for the information of the faculty.]

III. The faculty voted to adopt the Smith College Statement on Academic Freedom and Free Expression proposed by the Ad Hoc Committee on Academic Freedom and Inclusivity with the following amendment: Delete from the final paragraph of the Statement the following seven words: “and remain obligated to comply with them.”

Respectfully submitted,

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