

**RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY
ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, April 11, 2007
11 A.M. – 1 P.M.
SC-217

ARC Members present: J. Lipkin (CA), Chair; D. Crawley (SSHS); L. D'Antonio (TAS); V. Flenga (AIS); S. Kurzmann (LIB); M. Ecker (Office of the Provost, ex-officio member)

Announcements (J. Lipkin):

- Last week, J. Lipkin submitted the final General Education Goals and Objectives report to Provost B. Barnett. The Provost plans to convene a Task Force on Student Learning Outcomes to compile the recommendations included in the reports of all the Pillar task forces. An ARC representative might be needed on this new task force.
- J. Lipkin was contacted by C. Brennan, Registrar, who has expressed concern about changes in the majors being sent directly to her. ARC will review this process.

Discussion Items:

- J. Lipkin sent an email to the Student Government Association president inviting him to an ARC meeting
- J. Lipkin will revise the Course Proposal Request Form
- R. Mentore, Director, First-Year Seminar, met with the ARC members
 - He reviewed the goals of First-Year Seminar (FYS), which are to teach entering students to become scholars and to develop critical thinking.
 - ARC members shared their concerns about some of the current syllabi

Decision Items:

- **ARC Course Request # 319** Approved
Course ID: HIST 365 (Study Abroad) Cultural Reflections (M. Riff)
- **ARC Course Request # 320** Approved with revisions
Course ID: ENST 320 (Study Abroad) The Geography of the American West (H. Horowitz)
This was submitted as a 300-level course, but the ARC members suggested it should be a 200-level course.

The meeting adjourned at 12:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Kurzman