

RPTA Meeting

**Meeting
called by:**

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Type of meeting:

Dept. Curriculum
Meeting

Date:

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Faculty Attendees: Goldenberg, B. Greenwood, J. Greenwood, Hendricks, Jacobs, Root

Agenda Items

1. Senior Project Discussion

- No change to course structure, just project type (keeping same units & titles)
- Revision of senior project manual
- “professional report” = introductions, proposals, findings from annotated bibliography (replacing review of literature)
- Suggestions: event as a senior project – could be possible is accompanied by a professional report
- Evaluation required for all projects to make recommendations
- Students struggling to connect past curriculum (ENGL 310, BUS 346) to senior project
- Rigid structure vs. loose outline? – parameters for equal assessment, building a rubric (writing expository)
- Focusing on white papers and more commonly used writing styles

2. Course Proposals

- Reducing elective units for new courses (10 units per academic year)
- Course with basis computer skills?
- RPTA 252 not part of accreditation
- Sabbaticals need to be considered
- Offer seminar classes twice per year – larger sections (1 unit classes)
- The one unit of lab could be taught by a grad student/ISA instead of a faculty member – this would free up faculty time

3. Concentration Descriptions/Discussion

- Look at the possibility of recruiting specific students with specific interests; recruiting a different quality of grad student
- Is there a way to recruit students who are interested in underrepresented concentration areas – targeted communication?

4. Program Description Changes/Possibilities?

- Remove RPTA 252 from the curriculum – integrate special populations concepts into other courses
- Alter RPTA 252 to a 2 unit seminar
- Delete the Community Service AAE area

Misc. Items

- Add a “Dream Job” question to the concentration survey
 - Develop a combined Tourism Hospitality concentration
 - Is the Department name still representative?
 - Could the community and outdoor concentrations be combined?
 - If moving in the direction of offering a hospitality concentration, RPTA may need a faculty sabbatical
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