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Information copies forwarded: Academic Dean; Chairman; Curriculum Committee

Signature: Department Chairman
Maurice C. Blanken

DIVISION
Consultation on proposal has been held

Comments: Please note there should be a change in dates on page 1.

Signature: Academic Dean and/or Divisional Committee

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
Proposal received 3/1/70
Open Hearing held 9/1/70
Returned to the department for the following reason(s): 9/1/70
Approved by the Curriculum Committee 9/1/70
Presented to Executive Committee of the Faculty Senate as information 9/1/70
Notifications forwarded: Vice President for Academic Affairs

Signature: Chairman, Curriculum Committee
I have reviewed the final documents as approved and concur with same. Budget, faculty and library resources are adequate for immediate implementation.

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HEGIS Taxonomy Number: ____________________

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Signature: Academic Dean

Copies forwarded: Chairman, Curriculum Committee; Department Chairman; Provost; Registrar

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Registrar

Approved course description received

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Signature: Registrar

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PROVOST

Official copy and approval sheet filed

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Signature: Provost (or designee)

Note: 1) Course proposal format is attached

2) A copy of this approval form should accompany each proposal

3) A copy of a proposed catalogue description of the course must accompany the proposal as a separate page.
GLASSBORO STATE COLLEGE  
Glassboro, New Jersey  

Course Proposal  
April 16, 1974

I. Identification of the Proposal

A. Name: Current Problems in American Politics

B. Sponsors: Dr. Eva Aronfreed, Professor and Chairperson, Department of Political Science/Economics; and Dr. Richard Johnson, Chairperson, department curriculum committee.

II. Statement from Department Chairman

This course is proposed as a lower-division undergraduate elective in political science directed principally at non-majors. It is expected that the first section(s) will be offered in the Spring Semester of 1974-75.

Because of the current topical content of the course, existing Library holdings and faculty staff are both adequate.

III. Outline of the Proposal

A. Essence of the Proposal

1. Title: Current Problems in American Politics

2. Semester hours of credit: 3 s.h.

3. Course level: undergraduate, lower-division, no prerequisites

4. Current curricular pattern: free elective

5. Enrollment: 30/section

B. Details of Proposal

1. Major goal of the course

   a. To graduate a politically more sophisticated citizen

2. Specific objectives

   a. To familiarize the students with current items of political controversy in the U. S.
b. To afford students the opportunity to view public problems through the framework of political science research.

c. In general, to enable the student to effectively understand and interpret the meaning of political news and the realities it sometimes obscures.

d. By way of the above, to graduate a politically more sophisticated citizen.

3. Scope of the Course

The precise content of the course is expected to change with changing concerns in American politics. Were the course taught this year, e.g., it would have considered such topics as Executive/Congressional relations, Presidential War Powers, Politics and Law of Impeachment, Campaign funding, practices and reform, national energy policies, etc. In future years, some of these topics, at least, will bow into the background, and other issues will take their place.

4. Teaching methods

Lecture with substantial discussion

In-class debates

Readings in both the "popular" and specialized media

5. Evaluation

Each instructor will define his/her methods for evaluating student performance.

C. Rationale

Many students have a broad interest in the political life of their nation but do not require a detailed study of political science theories and methods. This course is intended to take the most topically relevant
issues in American politics and discuss them (a) in principle and their theoretical merits, and (b) in their political/partisan content.

While the course would be open to all students, it would be particularly directed to the non-major and his/her interests. It would complement the course Current World Problems and afford the student an opportunity to follow and evaluate shifting political currents.

D. Consultation

The members of the Department of Political Science/Economics concluded that such a course would be an important service to students in other departments. After consulting the offerings of other political departments in American colleges and universities, it was clear that our idea was not unique, and that many other schools use this kind of course as a service to the larger college community.

E. Catalogue Description

The course will deal with contemporary issues in American Politics. These issues will be topical in nature-election politics in election years, oil politics in years of oil crises, political economy in inflationary years. The procedure will be to explore the background, the contemporary situation and possible political solution to given American political issues. Investigation of the ability of our political philosophy and political institutions to solve these issues will be undertaken.

Concurrent with the treatment of subject matter there will be a serious effort to analyze and determine the reliability of information sources - newspapers, magazines, professional journals, TV. Approach throughout will be critical and analytical.
March 27, 1975

Dr. Lawson J. Brown  
Academic Affairs  
Bole Administration Building  
Glassboro State College  
Glassboro, New Jersey 08028

Dear Dr. Brown:

I have been apprised of your conversation with Dr. Aronfreed about our course entitled Current Problems in American Politics.

The proposal of the course was duly approved by the Departmental Curriculum Committee and, along with a list of other course proposals, was forwarded to the Faculty Curriculum Committee in Spring 1974. Dr. Aronfreed remembers attending that meeting and subsequently she procured a number for the course.

We don't know what actually happened and why, at this stage, there is question of its approval, but nevertheless, we are resubmitting it for your and also

[Signature]

Ph.D.  
Pol. Sci./Eco. Dept.