THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT ASHEVILLE FACULTY SENATE

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Statement of Faculty Senate Action:

APC Document 53:

Add new courses: POLS 318, 333 and 336; Delete POLS 385

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1. Add: On page 251, new course, POLS 318, Political Parties in the United States:

318 Political Parties in the United States (4)

Political parties play an important but ambiguous role in the US political system. In this class, we discuss why political parties emerge, why the US has a two party system, and how parties seek to accomplish their goals. We will also focus on the heightened partisanship that appears to have marked Congress and the electorate in recent years and what, if any, consequences that may have for the operation of our government. Odd years Fall.

2. Add: On page 252, new course, POLS 333, United States Courts and Public Policy:

333 United States Courts and Public Policy (4)

An introduction to the political science of law and courts. We evaluate law and the courts as political institutions and judges as political actors and policy-makers. Some of the topics we will cover are: what courts do, the power of courts, the constraints on judicial decision-making, judge/justice selection and appointment, conflict within the federal judicial hierarchy, case selection, and the role of ideology and constitutionalism on the courts. Even years Spring.

3. Add: On page 252, new course, POLS 336, Money in Politics in the United States:

336 Money in Politics in the United States (4)

Two important questions are examined in this course: How much influence does money have in determining who seeks and wins elective office in the United States? How much do money and lobbying influence government actions and the public policy we see? Students will debate the role of money in politics by looking at interest group activity, campaign finance reform, and the behavior of elected officials. Odd years Spring.

Impact: None. These classes will be part of the regular teaching load of a new member of the department. To offset these additions, we are deleting POLS 385 and merging POLS 460 and 490 into a single class that will be easier to schedule for both faculty and students. We will allow additional electives, taught by a recently retired faculty member, to expire if and when it becomes clear that no one else in the department wants to take them up.

Rationale: These courses reflect the teaching and research interests of a new faculty member as well as student interests, to supplant classes taught by a recently retired professor.

4. Delete: On page 249, course POLS 385

385 Politics and War (4)

By considering war a political process, this course examines the functions war performs in the international system, why states select war to resolve disputes, how preparing for and fighting war affects the internal politics of states, and the unique relationship between war and democratic societies. Prerequisite: POLS 281. Odd years Spring.

Impact: This deletion removes a class specific to a retired faculty member, in part to make space in the curriculum for the interests of new faculty members.

Rationale: This class was taught exclusively by a recently retired faculty member. It has not been taught for years, in any case, and no one else in the department is interested in taking it up. Other classes in the department deal extensively with war and politics.