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University of Minnesota, Morris Scholastic Committee  
Meeting #4, September 28, 2010

The Scholastic Committee met at 9:00 on Tuesday, September 28, in Behmler 130.

Present: J Goodnough (Chair), C Braegelmann, E Christensen, C Cole, A Earl, S Gross, S Haugen, H Ladner, L Ranelli, J Ratliff-Crain, J Richards, D Stewart.

1. The Minutes of 9/22/2010 were approved.

2. Report from the chair

The Registrar's Advisory Committee (RAC) is considering the policies governing national standardized tests and special examinations for credit. At UMTC the administration of credit award is done by the Office of Admissions; at UMM it is done by the Scholastic Committee designate. The chair requested a note added to the policy stating the Morris exception to the policy. Some faculty have received reports from students that the use of test credits such as Advanced Placement (AP) was different from what they had been told. The committee will stress the importance of the single source of truth, in this case the credit award charts on the Scholastic website. All credit award references should link to that source. The Senate Committee on Educational Policy will be discussing the minimum score required for credit award, and Scholastic will liaise with Peh Ng, the UMM representative to SCEP, to provide our input to the discussions.

3. The chair provided background information for considering petitions.

- Because this is a small campus, it may be possible to identify the petitioner despite redacting personal information. The published minutes will include only the request and the action taken.
- If a committee member recognizes the petitioner from the material presented, and feels unable to make an unbiased decision, an abstention from the vote is recommended.
- Petitions are prepared by the student with the help of the executive assistant, and the text of the petition is approved by the student. Sometimes additional information that may be helpful is available from the EA
- Each petition is considered on its own merits; none are precedent-setting.
- Three criteria guide the committee deliberations on petitions:
  - Institutional Responsibility—the issue is at least partly because of something the institution did or failed to do. Example: a course was advertised with an incorrect general education category. [note: “bad” advice alone does not qualify.]
  - Spirit of the Requirement—the student has met the requirement in a way other than taking a class. Most often applies to waiving a general education requirement.
  - Hardship—completing the requirement would cause an undue hardship for the student. [Usually an issue with residency. Example—waiving the “15 of the last 30 credits at UMM” requirement for a student who was completing the last year at another campus as a multi-I student in order to care for a family member who was ill.]

#1194—(confidential information deleted) Petition to allow a student to add a course offered spring 2010 for which he was not registered but did attend. The petition was denied.

4. Continued discussion of general education category award to courses from China

The committee reviewed the information below provided by the chair, based on the grid sent to the committee earlier and printed below.

- Absolute max of credits required if international students have to take ALL gen ed cat. is 32 credits.
- Transfer courses from disciplines outside of their major can count in the 60 credits of gen ed means that they DO count for something.
- Students still have the option to petition for a particular course if they can provide a course description, syllabus etc.

- Grid shows that some disciplines ↔ general education is reasonable.

	CW	MSR	ART P	HIST	SS	HU M	FA	SCI&SCI L	HDIV	ENV T	IP	EC R	463
ANTH					7			1	3	2	2	1	16
ARTH							ALL						
ARTS			ALL										
BIOL								ALL					
CHEM								ALL					
CMR					4	5			1		1	5	16
CSCI		ALL											
DNCE			12				1		1				14
ECON		3		2	16				1	2	5		29
ENGL	2		5			41			10	1			59
GEOL								21		3			24
HIST				33	3				7	1	6		50
MGMT		2			17				1		5	2	27
MATH		ALL											
MUS		1	67	1		2	5			2			78
PHIL		1		4	2	13					1	1	22
PHYS								21		2			23
POL				1	12	3			2	1	7	4	30
PSY				1	25			3	2			1	32
SOC					4				7	3	4	1	19
STAT		ALL											
TH			16			1	7						24
463	2	7	100	42	90	65	13	46	35	17	31	15	

Disciplines in the grid shaded green are on everyone's short list. Those in yellow are still being considered, pending more data collection.

For Discussion: Short List -- Below is the proposed general education ↔ discipline.

AMIN \_\_\_\_\_ HDIV  
 ANTH \_\_\_\_\_ SS  
 ARTH \_\_\_\_\_ FA  
 BIOL \_\_\_\_\_ SCI  
 CHEM \_\_\_\_\_ SCI  
 CHN \_\_\_\_\_ IP  
 CMR \_\_\_\_\_ HUM  
 CSCI \_\_\_\_\_ MSR (1 CR)  
 ECON \_\_\_\_\_ SS  
 ENST \_\_\_\_\_ ENVT  
 ESCI \_\_\_\_\_ SCI  
 GEOL \_\_\_\_\_ SCI  
 HIST \_\_\_\_\_ HIST  
 MGMT \_\_\_\_\_ SS  
 MATH \_\_\_\_\_ MSR (1 CR)  
 MUS \_\_\_\_\_ (HUM)  
 PHIL \_\_\_\_\_ (HUM)

PHYS (SCI)  
~~POL (SS)~~  
 PSY (SS)  
~~SOC (SS)~~  
 STAT MSR (1 CR)  
 ARTS ARTP (1 CR)  
~~TH FA~~

The committee follows the one course/one category standard in considering disciplines for categories. English, for example, has 41 courses in the HUM category but international students receive an exemption from the foreign language category based on English as that foreign language. A course cannot be in both categories, so the English discipline was removed from the list. DNCE was discussed but not yet added in the ArtP category.

### 5. Reports

Petitions to withdraw from ONE OR MORE classes after the deadline (end of week 9) are heard by the Assistant Dean and require documentation from a professional of the circumstances making successful completion of the class impossible. After the end of the semester, students may petition to withdraw from ALL courses, within one year of the original semester (withdrawing from fall 2009 is possible until the end of fall 2010). Petitions are heard by the Assistant Dean and documentation from a professional is required. Formal tracking was requested beginning Fall 2009. Below is the summary from Fall 2008 to the present.

Term W request submitted	Week 10 Apprvd	Week 10 Denied	After Semester Approved	After Semester Denied
Fall 08				1
Spring 09			2	
Summer 09	1		2	1
Fall 09	12		5	
Spring 10	16	1	7	2
Summer 10	3			

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