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MINUTES-1997-98 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING #15

April 7, 1998; 8:00 a.m.; Behmler Conference Room

Present: Asmus, Ballou, Beiswenger, Farrell, Frenier, Korth, Kissock, Lee, Leroux, McIntosh, Nylander, Schuman, Taylor

Absent: Ellis, Thielke

Guest(s): None

[In these minutes: University College language course proposals, galley reviews, repeatability questions, topics template.]

MISCELLANEOUS:

Mooney distributed copies of three memos, all dated 4/7/98, from Tom McRoberts related to agenda item #1 as follows: a) a change in GER designations for the semester sign language courses; b) conversion of the Dakota language courses to semesters and adding the GER designator "FL"; c) for information--a listing of ITV language course offerings (Latin, American Indian, Russian) which have a home in another U of MN collegiate unit but which also satisfy the "FL" requirement of the GER.

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE LANGUAGE COURSES:

Schuman asked CC members to consider the memos from Tom McRoberts, Associate Director of University College, related to University College language offerings in semesters.

Sign Language Courses

Schuman noted that Ed 1011-Beginning Sign Language I, and Ed 1012-Beginning Sign Language II were submitted earlier this year under the "Hum" GER category. McRoberts is requesting that the GER category be changed to "FL" (foreign language) instead.

MOTION (Kissock, Ballou): To approve the proposal to change the GER category for Ed 1011-1012-Beginning Sign Language I-II to the foreign language designator ("FL"). NOTE: Mooney later discovered that there are two intermediate-level sign language courses which should have been included in McRoberts' memo--Ed 2011-2012.

Farrell wondered why the sign language courses are listed for 3 credits rather than 4 credits. Is it because of the 3-credit module that the T.C. has adopted? Schuman thought that was probably the reason. Kissock was concerned that the number of credits should be changed to 4 credits. Schuman said he would check on that.

There were no objections to the motion.

Dakota Language Courses

Schuman indicated that the Dakota language classes are offered in alternate years with the Ojibwe classes and will be offered again in 2000-2001.

Frenier wondered if these were Duluth courses. Schuman said these are UMM courses. Korth wondered if these courses

are to be listed in the day school catalog. Mooney said the proposal (see Form C-Addendum) requests that these courses be listed in the day school catalog.

Farrell wondered why these courses were listed under Interdisciplinary Studies. Why separate them from the other foreign languages? Schuman wondered under which designator they should be listed. Mooney noted that UMM does not have the "AmInd" (American Indian) designator; it would have to be created. If we did that, we would have another listing in the catalog, similar to the "Geography" listing, which has only two courses. Students will know about this course for fulfilling the FL category of the GER because of the GER course list in the *Class Schedule*. Schuman said we could have the courses keep the "IS" discipline designator for the first catalog and then reconsider them later. Ojibwe is a Duluth course we are making available here. Should we ask McRoberts about changing the designator for the Dakota courses? Should we ask the Humanities Division if they are comfortable with listing AmInd courses in their area?

MOTION (Ballou, Frenier): To approve the proposal to convert the Dakota language courses (IS 1301-1302) to semesters and give them the "FL" GER designator.

There were no objections to the motion.

ITV Language Courses

Schuman referred CC members to the third memo which refers to University College language courses offered through ITV. Mooney indicated that this memo is for information only. CC members need to be aware that these courses will be treated as transfer courses and as such will also be used to fulfill the "FL" requirement in the GER.

REVIEW OF GALLEYS:

Schuman informed CC members that Mooney had sent out galley proofs to Divisions for the next regular catalog. We got back a lot of changes. Most of the changes are shown as penciled-in corrections on the galley sheets. These changes should go through the CC.

Wellness and Sport Science

Schuman commented that the WSS proposal groups previously offered courses under a single variable topic heading. Kissock agreed. These topics have been offered under directed studies in the past. They are all associated with athletics training. Schuman asked if this would be a "Variable Topics in..." course. Kissock said yes; the title will be revised.

MOTION (Kissock, Understood): To approve the proposal to create WSS 3000, Advanced Topics in Wellness and Sport Science.

VOTE: Unanimous in favor (12-0-0).

English

Schuman noted that there is a change in the requirements for the major. Kissock commented that the change increases flexibility for students.

Humanities

Ballou asked about Hum 1150. There are no courses listed under this topic course. Will there be courses added later? Schuman said that was his assumption. Farrell said he was told that it was okay to have Variable Topics and not list the specific topics at this time. Schuman agreed; it is desirable to record the specific topics in the catalog, but it is not necessary to do so if faculty don't yet know what topics they will be offering.

Lee wondered if Hum 1100 would be a Variable Topics course. Mooney said yes, but we have not received all of the information from the Divisions about what courses will be topics courses.

Schuman noted that two honors courses were added in the discipline. Mooney noted that these honors offerings existed in quarters; it was an oversight not to have converted them.

Music

Schuman noted that Mus 1103 and 1104 have had descriptions added. Ballou wondered why there were no credits listed with each course in the major requirements. Mooney said that the credits associated with individual courses are not usually listed in the major requirements. Schuman said the credits for each course are listed with the course descriptions. On page 3 of the galleys, there is a change from 11 to 7 credits. This was presumably a conversion oversight.

Ballou asked if 3311 is instrumental and choral. Korth said the course covers both, as spelled out in the course description.

Schuman noted that Mus 4901 had used quarter course numbers in the description.

Biology

Schuman noted that biology proposes changes in the major requirements. Korth said they are switching one statistics course for another. Math 2611 is less practically oriented.

Schuman said the other changes are "years offered" changes. Farrell wondered why we say, for example, "not offered 1999-2000" in the catalog rather than give the years the course **is** offered. Korth said the assumption is that courses are offered every year if they are listed in the catalog, unless the years not offered are explicitly stated. Leroux added that space is saved in the catalog because we don't have to give the years offered if the course is offered every year. Farrell was satisfied with this explanation.

Chemistry

Schuman wondered what the question on page 1 meant. Mooney said the sentence in question will be changed to read "Required courses may not be taken S-N *unless only offered S-N*."

Schuman noted that Chem 3511 and 3502 have been dropped from teacher preparation requirements. Korth said the discipline is trying to reduce the credit requirements because they are somewhat high.

Mathematics

Schuman noted that Math is adding a course to a recommended list. There is a prerequisite change on page 5.

Political Science

Lee indicated that there are minor changes in the requirements for the tracks of the major. The discipline had abolished the tracks at one time but a new staff member wanted to revive them once again. The changes specify the elective credits.

Farrell wondered if such matters are being approved by the Divisions if they are not editorial changes. The galley changes have not gone through the Division of the Humanities. We can't keep going back to the Divisions given the time constraints. Schuman agreed; Campus Assembly will see the whole curriculum. What we are doing now is fine-tuning.

Schuman said courses had been added in the minor. Mooney noted that Psy 3301 has a change in the number of credits from 4 to 2.

REPEATABILITY QUESTIONS:

Schuman said that leaves the questions from the review of repeatability proposals. Are we ready to do this? Korth was ready.

Schuman noted that he had raised the question about students repeating a course to get a better grade. If they do that, they should go through the Scholastic Committee. There could be some confusion in the process. We are continuing to pursue this question.

Schuman asked about the questions in English. Farrell said the discipline is meeting today. Schuman asked about the maximums in French--are they intended for majors or everyone? Farrell said the maximums are meant for everyone. Farrell thought that Speech faculty had responded through email about the questions there. Mooney said Payne had responded about Th 1060 and 1070--the maximums are correct as listed.

Kissock wondered if it was fair to say that none of these repeatability questions need to come through the CC. We just need to get the word from the disciplines. Schuman said he was comfortable with that. Korth was concerned that the intent of the CC might not be carried out to completion.

TOPICS TEMPLATE:

Schuman noted that Mooney had changed item #5 on the Topics Template. Are CC members comfortable with the correction? There were no objections.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 14, at 8:00 a.m. in the Behmler Conference Room. [Note: this meeting may be cancelled; if it is cancelled, CC members will be notified via email later this week.]

Meeting adjourned 8:50 a.m.
Submitted by Nancy Mooney

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