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University of Minnesota, Morris Scholastic Committee
Minutes #14, April 1, 2010

The Scholastic Committee met at 3:00 p.m. on April 1, 2010 in the Behmler Conference Room.

Members present: K Baker, J Deane, C Dingley, J Goodnough, S Haugen, M Govada, D Magner, B McQuarrie (Chair), Matt Privratsky, J Ratliff-Crain

1. The Minutes of March 11 were approved.

2. Announcements:

- Administratively approved petition #1194--Waive the second portion of the residency requirement: "15 of the last 30 credits must be from the campus awarding the degree," based on stated policy: *Exceptions to "15 of the last 30 credits at UMM" will be granted for experiences such as National Student Exchange, Study Abroad, etc.*
- PSEO students will not be required to register for IC.

The course prerequisite stated in the IC course proposal states "new college student". This is not an admissions type, so it is unclear. PSEOs are type New PostSecondary (NPS) nondegree students, not type New High School (NHS) degree candidates. Space availability for degree candidates is becoming more of an issue. In fall 2009 we had more students than spaces in FYS, Chem I, and a few other courses; some spaces were taken by nondegree PSEOs at the expense of degree candidates. In addition, 1) the IC course proposals are different from the FYS "common course;" 2) the courses will be offered to students who are NHS in spring semester as well as in fall semester; 3) taking a course designated "IC" when they enroll as NHS is on the same plane as taking courses with other general education designators.

There is a statement in the catalog concerning "space available" status for nondegree students:

Non-degree student enrollment is reserved for students, whether part- or full-time, who are not degree-seeking candidates, and who have access to courses if space is available. Non-degree student status is reserved for six categories: 1) adults taking courses of special interest; 2) students with probationary admission status who will later become regular degree candidates; 3) UMM faculty and staff; 4) PSEO students taking courses for enrichment; 5) PSEO students carrying a part- or full-time Morris freshman course load on campus; and 6) students from other colleges or universities enrolled for a single term in the Global Student Teaching or English Language Teaching Assistant Program. PSEO high school students interested in on-campus attendance should contact the Office of Admissions directly for applications materials. All others should contact the Advising Office (328 Briggs Library; 320-589-6178).

2009-2011 Catalog, p. 14

3. Change to foreign language placement recommendations

Based on their placement exam scores, students will place into the intermediate level, rather than into a specific course (2001 or 2002) within that level.

- There is no section of 2002 offered in fall semester; students who wish to continue language study should enroll in 2001.
- Students who do not use their language skills quickly lose facility; continuing in a language course (2001) with some review of previous material is not a bad thing
- Students have the opportunity to consult with language faculty to adjust their placement

German and Spanish support this proposal; the French discipline is discussing the rationale and will respond soon. The Committee approved the change, expecting agreement from French, since the rationale applies to all foreign language disciplines. [The exemption granted for the Foreign Language requirement in general education is not affected by this proposal.]

4. Website revision

The committee submitted feedback on the progress of changes to the policy page of the Scholastic website. The site will remain live as editing continues.

Submitted by Dorothy De Jager