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**MINUTES 2002-2003 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING # 3**

September 25, 2002, 8:00 a.m. Behmler Conference Room

Present John Schwaller, Mike Korth, Judy Kuechle, Jenny Nellis, Jooinn Lee,  
Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Chris DeVries, Van Gooch, David Bohlander,  
Amanda Johnson, Danielle Stuard, Ruth Thielke, Dorothy DeJager, Clare Strand and Nancy Helsper

Absent Tom Johnson and Chris Pifer

Visitors Debra Blake

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Schwaller asked for a motion to approve the minutes from September 18, 2002

**MOTION:** (Korth, Bezanson) To approve minutes from September 18, 2002

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

**HUMANITIES CATALOG CHANGES:**

**English**

Nellis presented the changes from the English discipline, mainly renaming and reorganizing courses. She indicated there are some minor typographical errors that need correction before they go to campus assembly. Nellis went on to explain that the English discipline has been working on the changes for the last two years. Their proposal is a move in the right direction and she supports them in that shift. A member questioned what changes would have to be made before it goes to CA. Nellis indicated there were some GER designators approved last spring that are missing. A member noted that it appears they are removing the 1xxx level courses. A question was asked about the number of new courses offered. Nancy Helsper stated she had spoken to the division and they counted only the umbrella courses not the specific topics. Blake explained that the 1xxx courses crossed off are added as 3xxx courses so the number of courses balances out but she does not believe it is 19 as suggested on Form A. Other questions were raised about the accuracy of the forms and the schedule of when courses are offered. Nellis explained that she supports what the English department is doing and would encourage CC to send the proposal back to English with positive support but in the need of corrections and clarifications on some details. After continued discussion on several issues, Nellis called the question.

**MOTION:** (Bezanson, Bolander) To send the English proposal back to the Discipline for corrections and clarifications.

Discussion: A member suggested the date of October 30 for English to present their changes to CC. Members were in agreement that this was a reasonable date. Strand expressed concern of the loss of a multicultural literature requirement. Thielke indicated that a multicultural course is required for licensure and Kuechle agreed and explained that for licensure they can take multicultural, women's or Native American literature for the requirement however, multicultural is preferable overall.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

**SCIENCE & MATH CATALOG CHANGES:**

**Biology**

Korth explained there were minor catalog revisions and one course revision.

**MOTION:** (Korth, Bezanson) To approve Biology changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Chemistry**

Korth explained there were minor changes in wording and some changes in the prerequisite information. There are minor corrections to be made on the forms before they are sent to campus assembly.

**MOTION:** (Korth, Nellis) To approve Chemistry changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Computer Science**

Korth presented the changes for computer science. Schwaller stated the web address listed cannot be used in the catalog. Helsper stated that they could give the Morris Courses page URL at the beginning of the course list. A member questioned how there could be no staffing or financial implications due to some courses changing to 5 credits. Korth explained that in some they are adding a lab component and there are other courses at 2 credits. Korth also explained that the workload for faculty stays at 20 credits.

**MOTION:** (Korth, Nellis) To approve Computer Science changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Geology**

Korth explained there was slight restructuring in the major and years offered has been updated. A member questioned the credit totals on Form A. Korth will check on these. The total credits for the major are proposed to be 58 and the net change is -2. The total courses taught in the discipline are proposed to be 26. The total credits taught in the discipline are presently 104 and is proposed to be 98.

**MOTION:** (Bezanson, Nellis) To approve Geology changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Math**

There were minimal changes in the math curriculum.

**MOTION:** (DeVries, Nellis) To approve Math changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Physics**

Korth explained that the revised copy includes an additional phrase added to Phys 1052. The current astronomy course is being deleted and two new astronomy courses are being added to accommodate more students. Another addition is the re-introduction of an algebra-based physics class. A member questioned current staffing for additional courses. Korth explained that some other courses won't be taught at the same time and a different instructor is teaching the course "The State of the Planet".

**MOTION:** (Bezanson, Nellis) To approve Physics changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

### **Statistics**

Korth explained there were minor changes in the intro statement.

**MOTION:** (Korth, Bezanson) To approve Statistics changes.  
**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (10-0-0)

With completed approval of Science and Math catalog changes the meeting for next week is cancelled. Social Science

will begin their presentation for their catalog changes on October 9, 2002.

Meeting adjourned 9:00 a.m.

Submitted by Karen Van Horn