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University of Minnesota, Morris
Morris, MN

MINUTES 2004-2005 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING # 9

January 19, 2005, 8:00 a.m. Behmler Conference Room

Present: John Schwaller, Mike Korth, Judy Kuechle, Jooinn Lee, Jenny Nellis,
Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Carol Marxen, Sarah Black, Blair Jasper,
Jeri Mullin, Ruth Thielke, Nancy Helsper, Sara Haugen, Tom McRoberts.

Absent: Harold Hinds, Dave Roberts, Joe Basel, and Lee Thao.

Visiting: Argie Manolis, Julie Pelletier

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: (Kuechle, Korth) To approve minutes from Meeting #8, November 18, 2004.

VOTE: Motion passed (8-0-0)

COURES APPROVALS

English

Nellis presented the changes for the English discipline, changes to the Goals for College Writing GER and the course description for Engl 1011, noting that they have been working on them for a while. DeJager noted that the Scholastic Committee encouraged these changes to be sent to CC because of petitions that had been received. There were questions from the members about the wording. Conner and Manolis explained the wording in question. Manolis agreed that the proposal could be rewritten for clarity.

MOTION: (Nellis, Jasper) To approve changes to the Goals for College Writing GER and the course description for Engl 1011 pending editorial revisions for clarity which will be reviewed by the Dean.

VOTE: Motion passed (6-2-0)

IS

Schwaller presented IS 3221H Honors: Open Source vs. Proprietary Technology: The Economics of Networks

and Innovation for approval. This course had previously received provisional approval and is now going for regular approval.

MOTION: (Korth, Black) To approve IS 3221H.

VOTE: Motion passed (8-0-0)

Continuing Education

McRoberts explained that the proposed courses, Anth 2311 CE: American Indian Assimilation and Resistance on the Great Plains, IS 2035 CE: Aging in Greece, and Hum 1552 CE: Jewish and Muslim Spain, are all being offered during May Session. These are all very unusual, distinct offerings. The anthropology course will be domestic travel in diversity. Aging in Greece combines study abroad with service learning through a nursing home in Greece. Hum 1552 is funded under the Bush grant program. A member again raised questions about allowing 4 credits for a three-week May term course. McRoberts explained that study abroad does not equate learning the same as on on-campus course, because it considers the whole learning on a 24/7 time frame. The question of 4 credits being appropriate for May term courses should be discussed and if it were reduced it would raise other questions and problems. This issue should be discussed this year.

Pelletier explained that she had not taught a May Session course before last year and also had questioned the 4 credits. She explained that during a May Session course students are continuously learning and studying the culture. Student learning begins from the moment they wake up in the morning and students often stayed up after "class" to discuss the culture. Adding up the hours of intellectual stimulation one would find that they are substantial.

MOTION: (Marxen, Lee) To approve Anth 2311, IS 2035, and Hum 1552.

Discussion: A member noted that Anth 2311 and IS 2035 should only have one component. Corrections were made and Anth 2311 will be discussion and IS 2035 will be fieldwork.

VOTE: Motion passed (8-0-0)

REPEATABILITY OF COURSES

Helsper explained that a number of courses are listed as repeatable however, it is not indicated how many times or to what credit limit. It was suggested to have a standard repeat of one time if not specified.

Schwaller stated that the intent would be that the number of repetitions be specified with each course proposal. However, if no indication was made the default would be one repeat of the course. A member asked if this issue had been discussed previously. Helsper noted that previous discussion was for internships

and directed studies. Schwaller noted that this issue arose after cleaning up courses for the catalog. He indicated it would be nice to have a general policy for those repeatable courses that do not have a limit specified and would prefer that the number of repetitions be specified with each course proposal. A member questioned if it would be a default of credits or times taken. Schwaller indicated that it would be the number of times a course could be taken.

MOTION: (Kuechle, Jasper) To approve a default for repeatable courses to repeated one time if not specified.

VOTE: Motion passed (8-0-0)

Meeting adjourned
8:30 a.m.

Submitted by Karen Van Horn