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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

MEETING #22 Minutes

April 18, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Behmler Conference Room

Present: Judy Kuechle (chair), Escillia Allen, Ferolyn Angell, Pieranna Garavaso, Van Gooch, Harold Hinds, Michael Korth, Jooinn Lee, Gwen Rudney Ray Schultz, Sara Haugen, Nancy Helsper, Tom McRoberts, Jeri Mullin

Absent: Clare Strand, Amanda Jasken

Kuechle opened the meeting. She stated that the Executive Committee of the Campus Assembly had already met to set the agenda for the May 2 meeting of the Campus Assembly, but today's Curriculum Committee agenda items that require approval by the Campus Assembly will be included on the Campus Assembly May 2 agenda. Since May 2 will be the final Campus Assembly meeting of the year, there is no need for the Curriculum Committee to meet again this year. Any courses that come forward may be considered for provisional approval, and directed study GER designator requests will have to wait until next year for approval. Mullin added that the directed study deadline of April 15 has passed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM April 11, 2007

Kuechle asked for approval of minutes from the April 11, 2007 meeting. There was a brief discussion of the minutes.

MOTION (Hinds/Schultz) to approve the minutes of April 11, 2007.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF COURSE CHANGES

Kuechle thanked Jeri Mullin for preparing a condensed summary of proposed changes in the Social Science programs so that members would not have to wade through the PCAS print-outs that were distributed at the last meeting. The committee agreed that the summary was helpful.

Anthropology Major/Minor

Kuechle suggested that the committee consider the changes to both the anthropology major and anthropology minor at the same time, since both are requesting the same change. Lee explained that the proposed change limits the number of sociology credits that can be used for the anthropology major/minor, to prevent "double-dipping" (using too many Anth/Soc double-listed courses to fulfill major/minor requirements). The specific wording change in the major under *Required Courses* would be the addition of the sentence: "No more than 8 credits of the 36 credits required for the major can be from sociology." The specific wording change in the minor under *Required Courses* would be the addition of the sentence: "No more than 4 credits of the 24 credits required for the minor can be from sociology." Gooch stated that using the lower case "sociology" made it unclear whether the credits discussed were those in the sociology program or those with a Soc course designator. After discussion, the committee decided to leave it to Helsper and Mullin to come up with wording that would be consistent with other statements in the catalog. [Helsper and Mullin met after the meeting and revised the statements to read as follows: "No more than . . . can be from Soc courses."]

MOTION (Hinds/Schultz): To approve the limit of sociology credits in the anthropology major (8) and minor (4).

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

Sociology Major/Minor

Lee explained that sociology similarly proposes limiting the number of anthropology credits in the sociology major and minor. The specific wording change in the major under *Required Courses* would be the addition of the sentence: "No more than 8 credits of the 36 credits required for the major can be from Anth courses." The specific wording change in the minor under *Required Courses* would be the addition of the sentence: "No more than 4 credits of the 24 credits required for the minor can be from Anth courses."

MOTION (Angell/Schultz): To approve the limit of anthropology credits in the sociology major (8) and minor (4).

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

Liberal Arts for the Human Services Major

The specific changes are the addition of two courses (Psy 2411 and Psy 3542) to the list of "Upper Division Psychology Electives." The two courses are appropriate for the Psy component of the LAHS major.

MOTION (Garavaso/Angell): To approve the addition of two courses (Psy 2411 and Psy 3542) to the list of "Upper Division Psychology Electives."

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

Women's Studies Minor

Lee explained that this request reduces the number of electives in the Women's Studies minor from 24 to 20. The current number of credits required for the minor (28) is high compared to other minors at UMM (average 20). Also, since the major requires 40 credits, 28 credits for the minor is high. The single required course in the minor, WoSt 1101 Introduction to Women's Studies, is a required 4-credit course, so reducing the electives from 24 to 20 reduces the minimum requirement for the minor from 28 to 24 credits.

MOTION (Angell/Garavaso): To approve reduction of electives in the Women's Study minor to 20 credits.

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

REQUESTS FOR GENERAL EDUCATION DESIGNATOR ON DIRECTED STUDIES

Engl 1993-Creative non-Fiction Autobiography (Hum)

Th 3999-Contemporary London Theatre (FA)

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Kuechle explained that the first request listed is for a General Education designator of Humanities (Hum) for a directed study with Jim Gremmels in English. The other three students are requesting General Education designators of Fine Arts (FA) for directed studies with Ray Schultz in Theatre.

MOTION (Korth/Schultz): To approve the four proposed Directed Study General Education Requirement designators as requested.

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

OTHER BUSINESS

The committee thanked Kuechle for her leadership in chairing the committee this year.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 a.m.

Submitted by Darla Peterson