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Morris Campus Assembly Minutes
February 12, 1979

Provost Imholte reported concerns from the UMM Energy Committee about failure to conserve energy during January 1979.

Acting Academic Dean Bert Ahern reminded Assembly members of the upcoming NCATE visit and noted that a memo will be sent from his office explaining the reasons for and nature of the NCATE review.

The following curricular proposals were placed before the Assembly for action. Bert Ahern introduced each item.

The interdisciplinary major in human services was passed by voice vote without discussion.

The proposed changes in the physics curriculum and major were introduced. Nat Hart raised an issue related to this proposal concerning the equating of credits for courses with the hours the course meets each week. A request for clarification was made. Bert Ahern responded that the Curriculum Committee did discuss the issue and also stated that Senate policy states that credit hours are gauged according to the amount of work the student is required to do for that course. Also in this proposal, the lower three-credit offerings will be taken with two-credit offerings to fill out a five-credit combination. The physics proposal passed by voice vote.

Introduced next was a group of continuing education courses that have passed through the provisional approval process. These are from the Social Science Division: anthropology/sociology, economics/business economics, and psychology. All passed by voice vote.

The women's studies minor as offered through social science courses (with potential development to a major should courses from other Divisions be added) was submitted for approval. Nat Hart expressed reservations about an interdisciplinary minor within a single Division and not administered through the Office of the Academic Dean. Also he regretted that all courses in the minor would have a social science perspective and hoped that other perspectives from various Divisions would broaden the minor. Although these concerns were discussed in the Curriculum Committee, no other courses were presented to broaden the offerings for the minor. Ted Underwood noted that a directed studies option is in the minor to permit courses outside the Social Science Division. Mimi Frenier noted the minor does include courses from four different disciplines plus the directed studies option. Bert Ahern added that the Office of the Academic Dean would exercise special concern over the minor as an interdisciplinary field. Should additional courses come from outside the Social Science Division, the administration of the program would be by the Academic Dean and not the Division Chairperson of Social Sciences was an assurance given from the Provost. The motion carried with some dissenting votes.

The anthropology proposal passed without discussion. Changes in the economics discipline also passed with discussion.

The history discipline proposal was approved in like manner.

Political science curricular changes passed without discussion or dissent, followed by the psychology proposal that was approved in an identical fashion.

A change in the social science major with the addition of statistics as a requirement was approved.

The proposal from sociology passed into recorded history with full affirmation.

Provost Imholte announced the following:

The All-University Consultative Committee will meet at UMM on May 3, 1979.

President Magrath, Stan Kegler, and George Robb will visit UMM on February 19. An announcement of the visit has been distributed.

A report from UMM by Provost Imholte was given at the State Legislature, i.e., the House Education Committee, and was well received by that group.

The retrenchment and allocation document from UMM was modified only in the allocation aspect before it left campus. The item on Admissions was moved from fifth to second in priority. The faculty position for sculpture was added as well as one for business-economics. A memo will be sent to all Assembly members giving the final draft of the R and A proposal. The same process will be undertaken next year but it may become a biennial R & A procedure after that year.

Submitted by:

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