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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

MEETING #20 Minutes

April 4, 2007, 8:00 a.m., Behmler Conference Room

Present: Judy Kuechle (chair), Escillia Allen, Ferolyn Angell, Van Gooch, Harold Hinds, Michael Korth, Jooinn Lee, Jenny Nellis, Gwen Rudney, Ray Schultz, Sara Haugen, Jeri Mullin, Clare Strand, Nancy Helsper

Absent: Amanda Jasken

Kuechle opened the meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM MARCH 21, 2007

A proposed amendment to the minutes by Dorothy De Jager was distributed. There was a brief discussion of the proposal. Kuechle then asked for approval of minutes from the March 21, 2007 meeting.

MOTION (Hinds/Schultz) to approve the minutes of March 21, 2007, as amended.

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously.

REGULAR APPROVAL OF COURSES

PSY 1301 Psychology and Film

MOTION (Rudney/Angell): To approve the new course (Psy 1301)

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

PSY 3542 Multicultural Psychology

MOTION (Lee/Angell): To approve the new course (Psy 3542)

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

REQUEST FOR GEN ED DESIGNATOR ON DIRECTED STUDY FOR KATHLEEN ROGERS

Kuechle explained that this request is for a General Education designator of E/CR for this Directed Study. E/CR stands for Ethical and Civic Responsibility. Gooch asked what the minimum number of credits is for an Expanding Perspectives course. Kuechle answered that the minimum is two credits, with the exception of some courses like performance. This is the third request for a GER that has come before the committee this year.

MOTION (Hinds/Nellis): To approve the Directed Study designator as E/CR

VOTE: Motion passed (9-0-0)

FOR INFORMATION: SCHOLASTIC COMMITTEE SUPPORT OF PROPOSAL TO ADD D GRADE LIMITATIONS TO AREAS OF CONCENTRATION

Kuechle reminded the committee that at their January 31, 2007 meeting, a motion was passed to add to the areas of concentration section of the course catalog a sentence regarding the limit of D/D+ grades allowed. The proposal was submitted to the Executive Committee along with a request that it be placed on the April 3 Campus Assembly agenda. When the Executive Committee met, they called Kuechle in and requested that she bring the proposal to the Scholastic Committee for review and comment. Kuechle agreed to pull it from the agenda and sent it to the Scholastic Committee for support. The Scholastic Committee looked at it and responded with the following message: "The Scholastic Committee has decided that the proposal to add a D grade limitation to areas of concentration is not something we want to comment on, since it is clearly Curriculum Committee business. We certainly do not oppose such a step and will not oppose it in Assembly." Judy informed the committee that the proposal will go back to the Executive Committee for the May 2, 2007 Campus Assembly agenda.

OTHER INFORMATION

Kuechle stated that the Curriculum Committee is scheduled to meet with the Dean candidates. The meeting with the first candidate, Dr. John Kijinski, will be held this afternoon at 1:00 in the McGinnis Room. Kuechle suggested the committee take a few minutes to think about the questions they might pose to the candidates, from a curriculum standpoint. Schultz answered that a good question to pose might be whether a course should have one or multiple designators. Kuechle added that it might be fair to let the candidates know that we have not reviewed the Gen Eds since we moved to semesters. Nellis added that she would like the candidates to share their experience in curriculum development and what they think their role as dean might be in that area.

Strand suggested asking the candidates whether they are reactive or proactive in their leadership style. Angell questioned how one would ask such a question. Rudney suggested asking the candidate if he/she could speak about their style of leadership in committees like ours. Nellis mentioned that she is serving on the Dean's Search Committee and encouraged people to fill out the evaluation forms and to speak to her if they had comments they did not wish to put in writing. Since Kuechle will not be able to attend the meeting with the first candidate, Nellis suggested that Korth take the lead at the meeting with the candidate, since Korth has past experience leading the Curriculum Committee. Lee agreed and added that it was a good idea to provide the candidate with a brief introduction about the committee and its work.

Angell suggested asking the candidates how they would support curricular development when we have a limited budget. Haugen stated that she would be curious to know their level of enthusiasm about interdisciplinary courses. Rudney added that she would like to hear about their experience with assessment. Kuechle agreed and stated that the new dean will definitely be dealing with assessment. Nellis added that we're looking for someone to lead us in that area.

Nellis shared that the consultant has provided a pool that is exciting and the search committee is enthusiastic about the candidates who are coming to campus. She encouraged people to come to the interview with questions, but reminded people that we also want them to see us as a place to which they might want to come.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 a.m.
Submitted by Darla Peterson