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University of Minnesota, Morris
Scholastic Committee
Minutes #13, February 24, 2004

The Scholastic met on February on Tuesday, February 24, in the Community Services Conference Room. Unless a special meeting is called, the next meeting will be March 16 in the same location.

Members present: W. Cox, N. McPhee, L. Meek (chair), R. Richards, J. Ropp, K. Ellis, T. Faux, K. Klinger (coordinator), J. Mullin, and R. Thielke

1. Minutes:

Given the perceived absence of a quorum, the minutes were not discussed.

2. Petitions:

Some wording changes were approved in #1124. It was determined at the end of the meeting that we had a quorum, because our membership is short one student representative. Because these petitions were voted on, we later judged them to have been approved.

#1121--Waive the Historical Perspectives requirement of the GER based on completion of a directed study. **Approved**

#1123-- Waive the 15 credits in residence required in the senior year. **Approved**

#1124--Waive the Hist Perspectives requirement of the GER based on completion of a directed study. **Approved**

3. Resident Credit for Study Abroad:

The question had been raised in fall about whether the Scholastic Committee would recommend granting resident credit to University of MN sponsored, co-sponsored, and exchange study abroad programs already approved through the faculty review processes on each campus. UMM currently awards resident credit only to UM sponsored study abroad programs. In November, Dean Schwaller and Tom McRoberts, director of the Center for International Programs, discussed with us the financial, curricular, and transcripting benefits of also awarding resident credit to co-sponsored and exchange programs. The earlier full discussion is summarized in the November 20th meeting minutes. All other campuses of the University have now approved this request. A summary of the issues relevant to the current discussion were distributed in hard copy and appear with these minutes as an attachment.

Proposed change: *Credits earned through study abroad programs that are sponsored, co-sponsored or official exchange programs affiliated with the University of Minnesota (all campuses) will be treated as resident credit, be posted on the transcript, and will count toward the UM transcript GPA.*

K. Klinger discussed the proposed policy change needed to bring UMM in line with the system-wide change. R. Thielke spoke of the ease of registration under the new multi-U registration system and the benefits to students and faculty of having the study abroad credits appear on the UM transcript. The members discussed the protections in place to assure that a student who studied abroad has sufficient coursework from UMM. These protections are:

- 1) faculty continue to approve use of study abroad credit in the major prior to departure;
- 2) the Registrar approves application of study abroad courses to the Gen Ed; and
- 3) the graduation clearance process assures that the faculty approve the final constellation of courses applied to the major.

All voting members in attendance indicated their support for this change. Since the vote was taken after two members had left, we agreed to take a vote by email. Note the policy change was approved by electronic vote after the meeting.