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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2010-11 MEETING #12 Minutes
February 16, 2011, 8:00 a.m., 113 Imholte

Present: Cheryl Contant (chair), Clare Dingley, Molly Donovan, Janet Ericksen, Mark Fohl, Tara Greiman, Sara Haugen, Michael Korth, Pareena Lawrence, Leslie Meek, Ian Patterson, Gwen Rudney, Jeri Squier, Elizabeth Thoma, Tisha Turk

Absent: David Roberts

Visiting: Nancy Helsper

In these minutes: Course approvals in Environmental Science and IS, Educational Development Program, German Studies Major, and Revision to Sport Management Major/Minor Proposals

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 9, 2011

MOTION (Thoma/Patterson) to approve the February 9, 2011 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. COURSE APPROVALS

ESCI 2103: The Roots of Modern Science in 16th-Century Mining (SCI; 3 cr)

IS 1322: Land and People in the 16th-Century Mining Region of the Erzgebirge, Saxony (ENVT; 3 cr)

MOTION (Thoma/Patterson) to approve the two courses.

Discussion: Korth explained that they are similar courses but one has a higher prerequisite, which is why the course number is different. The emphasis is described differently as well. The students will go to Germany and will be in the same place much of the time, but they will be looking at different emphases and will be engaged in different assignments and activities.

VOTE: Motion passed (11-0-0)

3. EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP)

Contant explained that the program provides funding in support of new course development. She received some suggestions and interest in putting some preferences to course development this year. The revised call for proposals draft includes a sentence identifying three funding priorities: 1) Honors Program interdisciplinary courses, 2) courses that integrate sustainability across the liberal arts, and 3) intellectual community (IC) courses. The amount of funding will increase to \$18,000 this year (from \$12,000) to help meet some priority areas.

Ericksen asked if a proposal outside the priority areas would be considered. If so, some language should be added to state that proposals in other areas are welcome. Rudney asked if new IC courses were needed. Contant answered that she would like to have a bank of IC courses in reserve to deal with scheduling issues. Turk asked if the Honors Program will continue in the same model in the foreseeable future; and if not, is it wise to propose Honors courses. Contant answered that the Honors Program will be modified slightly. A memo will be going out soon which describes the new Honors Program. Ericksen suggested that the memo go out before the call for EDP proposals. Rudney suggested that links to the websites of the three priority areas be included in the call for proposals.

Volunteers for the three-member EDP review subcommittee are: Lawrence (chair), Fohl, and Donovan. The subcommittee will meet April 6, in lieu of this committee meeting. The recommendations of the committee will be brought forward at the April 13 meeting of the Curriculum Committee for approval.

4. REVISION TO SPORT MANAGEMENT MAJOR AND MINOR PROPOSALS

MOTION (Thoma/Patterson) to approve the revision to the new Sport Management Major and Minor proposals.

Discussion: Rudney explained that the total credits were believed to be too high. The revised proposal reduces the electives required from 16 to 12, while maintaining the same number of lower level Management courses. The total number of credits for the major is now at 54 to 56, depending upon which CMR course is taken.

VOTE: Motion passed (11-0-0)

5. GERMAN STUDIES MAJOR PROPOSAL

MOTION (Thoma/Ericksen) to approve the new German Studies Major proposals.

Discussion: Ericksen stated that the proposal has gone through a number of revisions since the last time it was presented to the Curriculum Committee. A three-member faculty steering committee was organized. Thoma asked if students were consulted. Ericksen answered that there was student input but one was not placed on the steering committee. Ericksen stated that the majority of the changes have to do with electives, e.g., Physics courses were removed, art history courses were swapped out with courses likely to be taught. In terms of language, nothing is new except the background text. After some discussion it was agreed that under the "Comparative Advantage" section of PCAS, reference to Physics will be eliminated. New wording for that section was suggested.

Contant stated that proposals will come forward to discontinue two other major degree programs and one minor (German major/minor and European Studies minor). Ericksen stated that the intent was to propose a minor in German Studies as well. It was decided that the Committee will wait to vote on the German Studies major at the same time as the German studies minor.

MOTION (Thoma) to table the previous motion in order to vote on the German Studies major at the same time as the German Studies minor. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Adjourned 8:47 a.m.

Submitted by Darla Peterson