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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

2010-11 MEETING #14 Minutes

March 2, 2011, 8:00 a.m., 113 Imholte

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

Absent: Clare Dingley, Leslie Meek, David Roberts

Visiting: Heather James, Jeff Ratliff-Crain

In these minutes: Proposals to discontinue the German Major and Minor, and the European Studies Major

1. APPROVAL OF MINUTES February 23, 2011

MOTION (Thoma/Patterson) to approve the February 23, 2011 minutes. Motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

2. DISCONTINUE GERMAN MAJOR AND MINOR DEGREE PROGRAMS

MOTION (Thoma/Ericksen) to discontinue the German major and minor degree programs.

Discussion: Ericksen stated that the German major and minor have been replaced by the German Studies major and minor. The last term in which students can be admitted to the program is Spring 2011. Rudney asked if current German majors can also major in German Studies. Ericksen didn't think it would be the same set of courses, so her inclination would be to accept one or the other. Fohl asked for the number of current German majors. If it is less than ten, then this possibility would only apply to maybe five students, at most, so why not let them double-major in German and German Studies? Korth stated that there is no rule against the same courses counting in two majors. It has come up in the use of areas of concentration, when, as division chair, he has refused to approve one with an overlapping major.

Contant stated that because of the significant overlap between the German and German Studies majors, a sentence should be added to the "Transition Plan" section for German Studies major that reads "Students pursuing the German major may not pursue a German Studies major." Similar language should be added to the German Studies minor: "Students pursuing the German minor may not pursue a German Studies minor." Dingley could not be present at the meeting, but emailed the following correction for both major and minor programs: the ending date of these programs should be 2018 instead of 2020, since the 2009-11 catalog is in effect for nine years.

VOTE: Motion passed with noted text changes (10-0-0)

2. DISCONTINUE EUROPEAN STUDIES MAJOR DEGREE PROGRAM

MOTION (Thoma/Patterson) to discontinue the European Studies major degree program.

Discussion: Noted that the same changes should be made to the European Studies major proposal that were made to the German Studies major and minor programs, i.e., the approximate term by which students may no longer graduate should be changed from 2020 to 2018; and the Transition Plan should have an additional statement that reads "Students pursuing a European Studies major cannot pursue a German Studies major; however, they could pursue an area of concentration."

Rudney questioned the shortness of the PCAS form. Ericksen answered that the documentation that is required for the Board of Regents will include more background information, data, and a more detailed rationale.

VOTE: Motion passed with noted text changes (10-0-0)

Contant stated that next week's agenda will include course approvals in divisions, IC, and Honors. Ratliff-Crain asked about the timing of approvals for IC courses in time for registration. April 28 is the first date for new student registration. Squier noted that she is still waiting for some ECAS forms to be submitted. Contant noted that IC course proposals can be provisionally approved, if necessary, to ensure they are included in the list for registration.

Adjourned 8:44 a.m.

Submitted by Darla Peterson