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UMN Morris Curriculum Committee

September 8, 2022, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #2

Zoom

Members Present: Peh Ng (Chair), Stacey Aronson, Merc Chasman, Brad Deane, Jennifer Deane, Stephanie Ferrian, Wes Flinn, Simón Franco, Rachel Johnson, Marcus Muller, Michelle Page, Bibhu Panda (replacement for Ben Narvaez)

Members Absent: Kianna Big Crow, Maya Shebala, Dylan Young

Others present: Mark Collier, Dan Demetriou, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

In these minutes: Catalog Changes from Science and Math Division, and from the Philosophy Discipline.

#1 Welcome and announcements

Bibhu will join the Curriculum Committee as replacement for Ben Narvaez for fall semester.

#2 Minutes from August 25, 2022

Zoom poll to approve minutes from Meeting #1 - August 25, 2022. Motion made by Page, seconded by Chasman. Minutes approved (7-0-1).

#3 Catalog changes - Science and Math

Johnson presented the catalog changes from Science & Math. Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Biology. Franco seconded. Twelve courses have changes, no new courses. Deactivations are because they aren't happening anymore. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Chemistry. J.Deane seconded. Two 2-credit courses combined into a new 4-credit course. Instructor believes it works better as a 4-credit course, which is actually a change back to its original state. The major description is revised to reflect those changes. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Computer Science. Chasman seconded. CSci 1201 is being deactivated and transitioned to two 2-credit courses: CSci 1221 and 1222. A new 4-credit elective is being added. Also, adding Phil 2115 as an option to fulfill the ethics requirement for the major. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Environmental Science. Page seconded. No changes for the next catalog. Motion passed (6-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Geology. Chasman seconded. Change to field study requirement to allow summer TC course ESci 4971 to satisfy the requirement. This course often is used by students who petition for it. The required credit is adjusted from six to three. Motion passed (9-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Mathematics. Chasman seconded. Added options for meeting the statistics requirements and updated the CSci courses changed earlier. Motion passed (9-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Physics. Chasman seconded. Two courses are being deactivated (1801 and 3152). Adding AST 2001 from TC as an elective option. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Statistics. Page seconded. No changes. Motion passed (9-0-0)

Motion from Science and Math to approve catalog changes in Data Science minor. Page seconded. Included PHil 2115 to fulfill ethics requirements. Changes to match Computer Science course changes. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Chasman corrected her earlier statement about the prerequisite for biostatistics is a 1000 or 2000 course, not 3611.

#4 Catalog changes - Philosophy

The Curriculum Committee discussed the new subplans for philosophy last academic year. New subplans (or major or minor) need Campus Assembly approval and then Board of Regents approval. In order to accomplish all those approvals, Philosophy was asked to bring their changes forward to this meeting. Franco seconded the motion.

Ng commended the Philosophy Faculty for being creative in creating subplans that are interdisciplinary and that crosses multiple academic divisions. She also lifted this proposal as an exemplary program for a public liberal arts institution such as ours.

Aronson shared that philosophy is proposing three subplans. The standard plan hasn't changed. Collier said that the Philosophy, Politics, Economics (PPE) subplan would be the first such offering in the system. The other two subplans are Legal Studies and Computer and Data Studies. There are no course changes, but 17 additional interdisciplinary courses added to the different subplans. Page commented that she appreciates that all subplans have the same base credits and appreciates that the discipline obviously addressed that. B. Deane asked about the difference between the Philosophy, Legal Studies subplan and pre-law track. Pre-law isn't a major, but could be accomplished along with the Philosophy, Legal Studies major. Chasman asked if Philosophy could provide a pre-law sample plan to advisors. Ng asked about the status of system level changes that impact sample plans. Muller clarified that catalog software changes will have the sample plans available, but the changes are delayed. The Registrar's Office staff will work to always have sample plans available.

The multicourse revision document was reviewed. Panda asked about PPE only including one Economics course, now that micro and macro will be combined into one course. Collier and Demetrious agreed they would want to include more Economics since the intention was to include two economics courses. J.Deane commented that the course change in Econ is a good one and will work well for PPE. Once staffing issues are addressed, Econ should be able to consistently provide another Econ course that would work well for PPE majors. Bibhu shared that History of Economics is an approved course, but isn't staffed at this point. Ng asked if the subplan could still require an additional Econ course. Collier thinks it could be approved with the one 4-credit course and then additional options added later. B.Deane asked about what other PPE programs include in Economics. Bart

Finzel was the one that recommended the intro level courses that didn't require prerequisites. History of Economic Thought or Political Economy would be great course additions in the future. Ng indicated that there may be questions and requests for data from the Provost office regarding the proposal of three new subplans, and those will be directed to the Philosophy faculty. Motion passed (8-0-0).

Morris Core Curriculum has been forwarded to Steering Committee to be added to the agenda for Campus Assembly on September 27. Squier shared that Management will also have a change to their major with the elimination of subplans. That will also need Provost and Board of Regents approval.

Meeting adjourned.