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UMN Morris Curriculum Committee

September 22, 2022, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #3

Zoom

Members Present: Peh Ng (Chair), Stacey Aronson, Kianna Big Crow, Merc Chasman, Brad Deane, Jennifer Deane, Wes Flinn, Simón Franco, Rachel Johnson, Marcus Muller, Bibhu Panda (replacement for Ben Narvaez), Michelle Page, Maya Shebala, Dylan Young

Members Absent: Stephanie Ferrian

Others present: Emma Kloos, Kerry Michael, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

In these minutes: Catalog Changes from Social Sciences Division, Curriculum Development grants

#1 Welcome and announcements

Welcome to the third meeting.

#2 Minutes from September 8, 2022

Zoom poll to approve minutes from Meeting #2 - September 8, 2022. Motion made by Chasman, seconded by J. Deane. Minutes approved (7-0-2).

#3 Catalog changes - Social Sciences

J. Deane will present changes from the Division of Social Sciences. All documents are in the Google Drive folders. Sociology and Anthropology will be presented at the next meeting. Changes are generally in response to faculty departures, providing clarity about programs, and streamlining and allowing flexibility.

Motion from Social Sciences for changes in History. Second from Johnson. History is proposing three new courses and three course revisions. For the major, they have added elective options to satisfy "History prior to 1750" requirement and added requirement for 4 credits of 3000-level history prior to Hist 3181. For the minor, they have removed Hist 1111 as a requirement. Squier will add the new requirement of a 3000-level class as a prerequisite for Hist 3181. Ng commented she appreciates the elective options for students. Flinn commented that all changes that will be presented today look accessible. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Social Sciences for changes in Political Science, seconded by Franco. Political Science proposes one new course and ten deactivations. Two course descriptions revised to be more general. Reactivating senior research seminar which replaces three of the deactivations that were seminar classes. Pol 2202 is presented to add GedEd designation for SS. In the Political Science major, removed catalog description language of an additional 4000-level course; added 8 credits in American politics and 8 credits in international/comparative politics. Chasman asked about removing the additional 4000-level course language. J. Deane clarified that it was previously there as a reminder, but now there isn't another option with the deactivations. Motion approved (10-0-0).

Motion from Social Sciences for changes in Psychology, seconded by Chasman. Course changes presented are primarily due to staffing, both new and deactivations. They have added courses for pre-LADC (Licensed Alcohol & Drug Counseling) program. Course prerequisite changes will help more

students outside the major take psychology courses. Chasman asked about the statistics prerequisite to include Stat 2601. It will be changed to be Stat 1601 or Stat 2601. Ng commented she is glad to see the new course Magical Neuroscience. Michaels commented that the name is intended to help it sound friendly. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Social Sciences for changes in Economics, seconded by Johnson. Deactivating four courses. Econ 1111 and 1112 will be replaced with 1101 Principles of Economics. This move to one semester will allow more flexibility. Other prerequisite changes will make the major more streamlined. The required credits in the major and minor are adjusted due to the reduction of 4 credits with the combination. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Social Sciences for changes in Management, seconded by Johnson. Due to loss of faculty, Management is removing the existing subplans, but adding seven flexible pathways. They wish to change the name of the major to Business and Management (BMGT) in response to student and admissions staff requests. They removed calculus which should open up to more students. Panda shared that the flexibility allows more students to complete the major in 3-4 years. Chasman asked about the "take exactly" credits. This is standard catalog language. B. Deane questioned the change to the major name to include the term business explicitly and the impact it may have to our reputation among other institutions and potential students on campus. He noted that many of our aspirational institutions avoid the term business. J. Deane responded that the coursework isn't changing, but students could benefit from the name of the major. Panda responded also that they aren't trying to be a business school, but to market the program better. He has researched it at other liberal arts colleges. Franco spoke in support of the change. He experienced that on graduate school applications, explaining a Management degree was complicated. Chasman commented that many of the advisees add management in combination with other majors. Ng shared that she believes students in the major would still be grounded in the liberal arts. Flinn commented that we graduate students with a better sense of business ethics. Changing the name and designator requires approval from the Board of Regents. Motion approved (10-0-0).

Four new IS courses are presented. Franco seconded the motion. Two of the four courses will be offered in spring 2023 as well as in the 2023-2025 catalog. J. Deane presented the new courses. Two of the courses are research methods. Those courses will also be available for other disciplines. Motion approved (10-0-0).

#4 Curriculum Innovation and Curriculum Development

On the review committee will be Jennifer Deane, Merc Chasman and Simon Franco. A student is still needed for the review committee. Ng reiterated that the Curriculum Innovation grant is donor funded and needs to be separated from other curriculum development work. Franco asked that the call for proposals include language that asks for applications to be written for a lay review committee. Curriculum Innovation grants are sponsored by a donor, so applications need to clearly align with the donor's requirement. Ng explained the criteria she is proposing for curriculum development grants. One criteria area is multi- or interdisciplinary course development to support the Morris Core Curriculum. The other area is study abroad courses. No objections from the committee. Once Campus Assembly approves the Morris Core Curriculum, this criteria will be shared with the campus.

Meeting adjourned.