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## **UMN Morris Curriculum Committee**

October 6, 2022, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #4

Zoom

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

Members Absent: Maya Shebala, Allie Jutton

Others present: Emma Kloos, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

### **In these minutes: Catalog Changes from Humanities Division**

#### #1 Welcome and announcements

Welcome to new student member Bonita Young. An additional new student member is not present.

#### #2 Minutes from September 22, 2022

Zoom poll to approve minutes from Meeting #3 - September 22, 2022. Motion made by Franco, seconded by Johnson. B. Deane suggested clarification in and amendments to the minutes to reflect his statement about adding "Business" to the title of the Management major. Minutes were approved as amended. (10-0-0).

#### #3 Catalog changes - Humanities

Aronson presented the catalog changes from Humanities.

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from Art History, seconded by Johnson. No changes to courses, but capstone requirements will change from 2 to 4 credits. Nine courses will be adjusted from 4 credits to 2-4 credits. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from Studio Art, seconded by Panda. No new courses or course revisions. Motion approved (10-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from English, seconded by J. Deane. Six new 2 credit courses in Creative Writing to respond to student demand. Nine deactivations and 7 revisions. Changes to the English and Creative Writing minor. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from French, seconded by Panda. No new courses or course revisions. Adding portfolio requirement before capstone project. Flinn spoke in favor of the change. Motion approved (9-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from Theater, seconded by Johnson. No new courses. Removing prerequisites for TH 2221. Adding a sustainability outcome to the major. Ng asked about how it's substantiated. Aronson added that it's already a guiding principle, so now it is documented. Motion approved (11-0-0).

Motion from Humanities for new course IS 3021, seconded by Page. Motion approved (10-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from Spanish, seconded by Page. No new courses or course revisions. Added one elective option to program. Motion approved (10-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from CMR, seconded by Page. No changes. Motion approved (12-0-0).

Motion from Humanities to approve catalog changes from Music, seconded by Page. No changes. Motion approved (11-0-0).

#### #4 Morris Core Curriculum

Conversation about the title “Artistic Process (ArtP) or Creative Process (CP)” based on a concern raised by a faculty at the Sept 27, 2022 Campus Assembly. Several members of the committee explained that “Creative” is too broad a term. Moreover, the feedback Curriculum Committee received from several fine arts faculty from prior year’s consultations was that this category of the Morris Core should stay focused on the artistic process. It was unanimously agreed that the category remains as Artistic Process (ArtP).

Committee discussed provision language that was carried forward from the current catalog. Language needs to be adapted to fit with proposed changes. Panda questioned Provision (i)’s language which addresses the minimum of 60 credits outside the discipline. He also asked for clarification on why courses in elementary or secondary education, wellness, and sport science or accounting are not accepted toward that credit requirement. Ng mentioned that the language in this particular provision was carried forward from the [current UMN Morris catalog section on General Education Requirements](#) and possibly from catalogs more than a decade ago. Ng recalled that the exclusion of the said courses is related to the fact that these courses either do not carry any GER designators or were related to practicum. Ng also reminded the committee that with the new range of credits that students have to complete the requirements of the upcoming Morris Core Curriculum, we do have the prerogative to update Provision 1 before we implement the 2025 catalog.

Provision (v) is outdated and was suggested for removal. Indeed, all students are required to complete WLA and WE for their writing skills, and that students in the 21st century have basic computer skills by the time of graduation. The committee agreed to remove Provision V by consensus.

Meeting adjourned.