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UMN Morris Curriculum Committee

December 6, 2022, 11:40 a.m. Meeting #7

Zoom

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

Members Absent: Kianna Big Crow, Allie Jutton, Maya Shebala, Bonita Young

Others present: Heather Peters, Jeri Squier, Robyn VanEps

In these minutes: LADC program, Writing Board

#1 Welcome and announcements

This is the last meeting of the semester. Ng reviewed the plans for next semester.

#2 Minutes from November 17, 2022

Zoom poll to approve minutes from Meeting #6 - November 17. Motion made by Page, seconded by J. Deane. Minutes as amended were approved (10-0-0).

#3 Pre-LADC Program

Heather Peters joined Kerry Michael to speak about the Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor (LADC) pre-professional program. Program was created based on student interest. The program allows students to take the licensure exam upon completion. Peters reviewed the courses and practicum options for students. She will be working on the practicum options this next semester. The NASNTI grant is providing compensation for some of her time. Chasman asked how students will be informed about the program. Peters shared that a description was sent to psychology and human services so that students had the information before registering. Peters expressed interest in the information sheets that Chasman referenced. Students will be able to add this as a pre-professional program similar to other pre-professional programs and it will be on their APAS. Squier brought up adding a milestone on transcripts to show completion. Someone would have to confirm that the student did complete it.

Program will need to be approved by the state and so it is descriptive as to the courses that must be included. Franco asked about the number of credits. Johnson responded that it seems less than the pre-health programs. The LADC program can be added to any major. Johnson will share their format for a pre-professional program that doesn't assume any specific major. Aronson asked for more information about the practicum requirement. Peters will be working on those connections this spring, focusing on establishing paid opportunities. Several questions about staff load with the new program. They have anticipated those situations as much as possible. The NASS grant will help support her time working this spring. They are also working with Fon du Lac tribal college which will be an asset for access to online courses and bringing 2-year degree students to our organization. Current staffing will be able to support the program ongoing. Unanimously endorsed by the committee (11-0-0)

#4 Proposal from Writing Board

The Writing Board would like to extend writing enriched courses to 3000-level courses. There is a base of 1000 and 2000-level courses. The next stage is to add 3000-level courses to give students more options. Page spoke in favor of more options, especially for transfer students that come in with 2-3 years at another institution. She also expressed concern that existing 3000-level courses may request the designator without any revision to their courses. She sees the writing enhanced courses benefit from adapting to meet the criteria. Muller stated that the courses will have to meet the criteria the same as 1000- and 2000-level courses. B. Deane shared concerns based on the original intent of the proposal that was approved. Students need to go through a progression of learning writing skills. Ng reiterated that the current request is based on wanting to expand the options for students. Chasman commented that the transfer friendly approach is positive. Ng commented that it is unclear if another layer of writing requirement will be implemented in the future. Squier asked why WLA isn't a prerequisite for writing enriched courses. Johnson is supportive, but does want it to be revisited for future growth. Committee was asked to vote to allow 3000-level courses with the caveat that it will be readdressed in 2 to 3 years - passed (9-1-0).

Meeting adjourned.