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Minutes of the Academic Policy Advisory Council
October 8, 1979, 4:00 p.m., Owens A

Members Present: W. Jones, Chairperson; D. Anderson, R. Dahlke, D. Gasal, D. Huebner, Margaret Moore, Molly Moore, N. Parlin, D. Nelson, R. Szeitz, W. Treumann, W. Wesley, N. Whyatt, F. Zahroon

Report from the General Studies Subcommittee

The Council agreed to consider and take action on each of the recommendations in the report with the understanding that the Council would then consider the proposal as a whole.

The General Studies Subcommittee had distributed to APAC members some proposed revisions of their original report as a result of the concerns expressed during the two open hearings.

F. Zahroon moved, R. Szeitz seconded, to approve recommendation 1: We propose to call general studies LIBERAL ARTS since that is a more positive designation and better reflects what we are trying to do. Motion carried unanimously.

Molly Moore moved, W. Wesley seconded, to approve recommendation 2: Drop Plan B of the present program. Motion carried unanimously.

D. Huebner moved, F. Zahroon seconded, to approve recommendation 3. W. Wesley moved, N. Whyatt seconded, to delete the word "Ordinarily" from the second sentence in recommendation 3. The motion to amend carried. Recommendation 3 would then read:

The minimum number of credits required for Liberal Arts is 64.
These will be distributed as follows:

Division A - Freshman English	One year
Division B - Natural Sciences	At least 10 credits
Division C - Social Sciences	At least 10 credits
Division D - Humanities	At least 10 credits
Division E - Communication and Symbolic Systems	At least 10 credits
Division F - Interdivisional Studies	At least 4 credits in the Junior or Senior year.

Courses in the new division of Interdivisional Studies are especially designed for enrichment of the liberal arts experience. These courses will be team taught by two or more faculty members representing at least two different liberal arts divisions. History of Science, Area Studies, Topical Term, Future Studies, Environmental Studies, Literature and Society, Science and Politics, are examples of such courses.

N. Whyatt moved, D. Gasal seconded, to table recommendation 3 until further information is given on details of implementation of the Interdivisional Studies courses. Motion to table carried unanimously.

W. Wesley moved, Molly Moore seconded, to approve recommendation 4. R. Szeitz moved, Molly Moore seconded, to amend the third sentence to read: For each course selected, the department should submit a brief description of the course and its principal objectives. Motion to amend carried.

Motion carried to approve recommendation 4 as amended.

Part of the responsibility for selecting courses that meet the Liberal Arts requirements is clearly departmental. Departments will be expected to evaluate their course offerings according to the criteria and present for approval those that they consider make a significant contribution to a liberal arts education. For each course selected, the department should submit a brief description of the course and its principal objectives. Normally this statement need not exceed one page.

The remainder of the recommendations will be discussed at the next meeting, Monday, October 15, 4:00 p.m., Owens A.

Sharon Ferris, Secretary
