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APAC Minutes
(January 11, 1994)

Present: Midgarden, Chair; Badal, Bakke, Barden, Bense, Crockett, Engels, Frederick, Gracyk, Moore, Olday, Papenfuss, Peil, Pratt, Roy, Schmider, Schobel, Strong, Swenson, Tiedt, Wasson

Newly appointed student member John Engels was introduced

1. Geography/Geology.

Moore moved, Bakke seconded to approve Geol 117, Water, Land, and People (4). Motion carried unanimously.

Minor change announced: Geol 117, Water, Land and People (4) will carry liberal studies designation B1.

2. Multicultural Studies and Philosophy.

Gracyk moved, and Moore seconded to approve MCS 372/Phil 272, Dynamics of Prejudice and Oppression (4). Supplementary materials were provided and information was exchanged between course proposers May-Machunda and Cataldi, representatives of the departments of sociology and secondary education, members of APAC and others interested. Committee consensus developed that voting members would appreciate an additional week to consider the proposal.

Bakke moved, Engels seconded to table until the next APAC meeting, January 18. Motion to table carried unanimously.

3. Conversion of the Liberal Studies to the Semester System.

Discussion focused on the conversion of Division A, English Composition and Literature. Representatives of the English department expressed commitment to a full-year sequence, consisting of two, four-credit courses. A full-year sequence will require considerable staff time within the department, making it impossible for the department to offer English 300 to all juniors. Among the many suggestions and comments made was that other departments might have 300-level courses that could be modified to provide meaningful upper division experience in writing.

In Divisions B - F, the Liberal Studies committee retained the credit minima but eliminated the credit maxima. Departments with courses in those categories requested time at next week's meeting to raise concerns and make comments.

Meeting adjourned at 6:02 pm.

M. Pianka
