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APAC Minutes
(March 22, 1994)

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

1. Mathematics.

Minor change announced: Change the name of Math 131, College Algebra (4) to Math 131, Pre-calculus (4).

2. Music.

Minor change announced: Combine Music 446(g), Voice Pedagogy I (1) and Music 447(g), Voice Pedagogy II (1) to form a single course called Music 446(g), Voice Pedagogy (2).

3. Transfer Curriculum.

Dr. Manuel López, MSUS Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, will be on campus April 6 to discuss the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum which is now in final form. He will participate in an open campus forum and also meet with several campus committees and groups. Implementation of the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum begins in the fall of 1994, so APAC must consider a recommendation on MSU's Transfer Curriculum this spring.

4. Multiculturalism at Moorhead State.

In response to a request received in June 1993, VP Schmitz was assigned the task of coordinating the preparation of the Moorhead State University Cultural Diversity Program, Phase II Plan. Dean Crockett was given the responsibility to chair the committee charged with the curriculum development components. He explained that with the three-week deadline given him to meet the Board timeline, the group did not have time to submit its proposal to APAC to begin the regular MSU governance process. (And, in fact, at that point in his first year Dean Crockett wasn't familiar with all the steps in the MSU governance process.) He commented that he was pleased that the Faculty Association requested that the item be placed on an APAC agenda.

The APAC took no action, although of members who spoke, more seemed to think that curricular discussions concerning multiculturalism will be more productive at the departmental or even divisional level, rather than creating a task force to define a university-wide perspective.

Papenfuss suggested that departmental faculty use the semester conversion process as an opportunity to consider how to revise curricula to achieve a multicultural balance. Midgarden will place the item on the agenda of an upcoming Academic Affairs Council to help keep discussion going.

5. Master of Business Administration.

Bakke moved, Roy seconded to approve MBA 544, Investment Analysis and Portfolio Management (4). Motion carried unanimously.

Roy moved, Peil seconded to approve dropping the g designation from Finc 456(g) and Finc 457(g). Motion carried unanimously.

6. Asian Studies - Hearing Only.

Dr. Chan answered questions regarding the proposed minor. Concerns were quite specific. Several members asked if budget constraints will limit choice in Chinese and Japanese language courses. And, whether or not a semester calendar will severely limit a student's choice of classes. Chan and Badal will prepare a detailed, multi-year course grid for distribution at the next meeting.

The hearing phase on the proposed minor was completed, and action will be taken April 5.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

M. Pianka