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APAC Minutes
December 5, 1995

Members present: Midgarden, chair; Bakke, Beare, Bense, Conteh, Danielson DuBord, Mathiason, Moore, Olson, Parvey, Pemble, Reed, Roy, Sanderson, Shaker, Sibley, Zarrett.

1. Liberal Studies Committee:

a. Recommendation from the 11/15/95 Liberal Studies Committee meeting.

The Committee accepted the recommendation from the Liberal Studies Committee to approve English 387 for Division E.

b. Recommendation from the Liberal Studies Committee: The Liberal Studies Committee recommends that no course be allowed to meet both a liberal studies requirement and the upper division writing requirement. Motion carried 5-0.

Moore moved. Roy seconded to approve

The Committee did not understand the rationale for this recommendation thus decided to table it since no one from the Liberal Studies Committee was present to answer their questions.

Pemble moved. Mathiason seconded to table this recommendation until the next APAC meeting at which time a representative from the Liberal Studies Committee will be asked to attend. Motion to table carried unanimously.

2. Continuing Studies .5 credit workshops

Beare moved. Sibley seconded to approve

Jan Flagel and Larry Reed were present to answer questions. This fractional credit is restricted to .5 credit (9 hour) workshops offered through Continuing Studies. Departments must obtain approval on an individual basis through Continuing Studies to offer these workshops.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

3. Physics Department:

Integrated Programs

a. Physics with Mass Communications Focus

This item was deferred until Carol Dobitz, Dean of Business and Industry, has an opportunity to review the proposal. Carol Dobitz and C.T. Hanson were unable to attend the APAC meeting.

b. Physics with Information Systems Concentration

Bakke moved. Sanderson seconded to approve.

The Physics and Computer Science department are proposing a set of courses for a physics major to obtain a CIS concentration. John Tandberg stated that the terms emphasize, option, and concentration are used at MSU and it is the Institution's decision whether to print them on transcripts. The Committee discussed the difference between the three terms and if they should be included on transcripts. The Committee felt the Physics department should explore the possibility of modifying the Physics major and resubmitting the proposal as a physics major with a CIS minor.

Motion to approve the proposal was unanimously voted down

V.J. Agarwal and John Gaffrey will meet with Vice President Midgarden and Dean Strong to discuss the changes and resubmit them to APAC at a future meeting.

4. Procedure for Allegations of Misconduct in Science (This policy was discussed last year at the 2/14/95 APAC meeting but was not acted on. The Committee asked Elizabeth Danielson to research the policy requirements and submit a revised policy to a future APAC meeting. The policy will be used to handle possible allegations of misconduct in science. Federal regulations mandate a policy be in place in order to receive National Institute of Health (NIH) grants.)

Elizabeth Danielson and the Grants Committee revised the policy for submission to APAC. Danielson stated that Mankato and Winona State Universities use this policy at their institutions. Del Corrick, Faculty Association President, and J.P. Barone, Attorney for the State Universities, were asked to review the proposed policy. Del Corrick did not have changes and J.P. Barone has not yet responded. The Committee felt the title of the policy should be changed to "Procedure for Allegations of Misconduct in Research and/or Scholarly Activity."

Pemble moved to approve the policy with the title change. Sanderson seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Geology Department

New Course:

GEOL 397: Undergraduate Research in Geology (1-3 cr.)

Bakke moved. Sibley seconded to approve.

Russ Colsen was present to field questions. The committee discussed funding and equipment needed to support this course.

Motion to approve carried unanimously

Meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m. Gloria Riopelle