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Members present: Danielson, chairperson; Bolton, Brown, Conteh, Enz Finken, Fasick, Goddard, Klenk, Krause, Pemble, Pietruszewski, Roberts Roy, Sanderson, Shaker, Smedman

Danielson introduced new student APAC member Kristine Goddard.

The agenda was modified to accommodate the representative from Nursing who had to leave early.

1. Nursing Department

New Course:

NURS 496: The Changing Family: A Nursing Perspective (2 cr.)

Sanderson moved; Smedman seconded.

Roy pointed out that the APAC form for the course did not contain a catalogue description and that the course description on the syllabus was too long to be a catalogue description. Barb Vellenga responded that it had been an oversight and said that she would provide one.

Roy proposed the following amendment: NURS 496 be approved subject to submission of an acceptable catalogue description. Pemble seconded.

Amendment passed with 10 for and 3 against. The catalogue description is to be reviewed at the next APAC meeting.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Accounting Department

Change of course name for ACCT 430/530 to Advanced Accounting, and change of course name for ACCT 431/531 to Not-for-Profit Accounting. Both courses will have new descriptions.

Pemble moved; Conteh seconded

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Health and Physical Education

Change of credits and course description for Health 465 and Health 470.

Fasick moved; Roberts seconded.

The proposers of the change were not present; Lyndon Brown responded to questions. Smedman asked for clarification of the intent of the change; Brown responded that it was to combine the content of two existing courses HLTH 465 and HLTH 470 into one course HLTH 465. There was some discussion about the appropriate format for requesting such a change, and a request for clarification of the intent to drop HLTH 470.

Roy made a motion to table consideration of the change; Krause seconded.

Motion to table passed unanimously.

The proposers should use the approved APAC Short Form for HLTH 465, an explicit request to drop HLTH 470 must accompany the form. In addition, since the proposed change will impact the major, the department should also submit a request to change the major.

4. Education Administration

Change in credits and catalog description for ED 638:

Administration of the Elementary School and a new course, ED 639:

Administration of the Secondary School (2 cr)

Smedman moved approval of the proposed change in ED 638 and of new course ED 639; Bolton seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Multidisciplinary Studies Department

New Course:

MDS 198: Introduction to Future Energy Technologies (3 cr.)

(This course was approved for Liberal Studies B1 designation one-time only by the Liberal Studies Committee)

Pemble moved; Pietruszewski seconded.

Several questions were asked of Dennis Jacobs; all were answered to satisfaction of the committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Humanities and Multicultural Studies

New Course:

MCS 325/SPCH 325: African American Theatre (3 cr.)

(This course was approved for Liberal Studies F1 designation by Liberal Studies Committee)

Fasick moved to approve new course MCS 325/SPCH 325; Krause seconded

The course has been taught twice as a topics course. Bolton noted that it would carry F1 credit which the University needs.

Motion carried unanimously

7 Mathematics Department

Revisions in B.S. degree in mathematics

Pemble moved approval of a concentration in Computation for the B.S. Mathematics degree; Smedman seconded.

Motion carried unanimously

8. Background Study Requirements for Students and Faculty in Clinical Programs

Pemble moved approval of the procedure for implementing background study requirements for students and faculty in clinical programs; Goddard seconded.

There was extensive discussion of the need for the procedure and the implications of its adoption. There was a general sense that (1) the procedure should include a statement of who it impacts and (2) the procedure should be published so that any students or faculty who will ultimately be impacted by it are aware of the need for a background check. The Bulletin should contain a statement informing students of the procedure, and departments who will require it should inform majors in their publications. The October 1 deadline included in the policy should be modified to accommodate those who will be in placements during a fall or summer term. Should there be a March and a June deadline for summer and fall, respectively?

(NOTE: The policy will be amended by Bette Midgarden to include the additional deadline dates.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m

Elizabeth Danielson