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Members present: Reed, Chair; Ahles, Brown, Conteh, Dalhouse, Dunkirk, Erickson, Grineski, Jeppson, Klenk, Mowry, Roberts, Sanderson, Schmidt, Scholl, Shimabukuro, Smedman.

APAC members introduced themselves to Sarah Erickson, who is a student serving on the APAC Committee this year.

1. East Asian Studies Major (Action)

(The Hearing for this major was held at the 9/15/98 APAC Meeting.)

Reed announced that action on this major would be deferred until the 10/20/98 APAC meeting because proposal changes were not prepared in time for this meeting.

2. Allow departments/programs access to all topics course numbers 190, 290, 390 and 490 with variable credit values from 1-3 credits.

Brown moved. Schmidt seconded to approve this recommendation.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. New Course Proposal Form:

The Registrar's office recommends adding a space for "Registration Edits" to the form. John Tandberg stated this would allow departments to include items such as "class standing, specific GPA requirements, specific credit requirements, etc." on the APAC form when they are proposing a new course. The Registrar's office will use that information when entering the new course into the computer system.

Roberts moved. Conteh seconded to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Humanities and Multicultural Studies

Minor Change:

Change course number, title, course description and prerequisite for

HUM 301: Humanities East-West: Comparative Studies (3 cr.) to:

HUM 220: Introduction to East-West Humanities

The committee had no concerns regarding these changes.

5. History Department

New Course:

HIST 220: Asian American Culture (2 cr.)

(The Liberal Studies Committee approved this course for Liberal Studies Designation F1 at their 9/20/98 meeting.)

Ahles moved. Sanderson seconded to approve this course.

Ahles asked if Dr. Henry Chan is the only faculty able to teach this course and if so, would it be discontinued if he left. Paul Harris, History Chairperson, answered that Dr. Chan is the most qualified faculty member to teach this course. Dean Klenk stated that if Dr. Chan were not available to teach this course, the University would try to recruit someone with the same expertise. Shimabukuro stated this course may be appropriate to include in the Asian Studies Major.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Discussion of the Student Absences Policy

Ahles stated the FYE Committee will review ways to resolve scheduling conflicts; one solution may be to schedule the ROPES course during orientation sessions. A co-hort of English and Speech courses with FYE classes will also be discussed with the FYE Committee.

Conteh stated that it is not right to discriminate against an approved field trip or student conference. Dunkirk stated that if both faculty and students followed the current policy, there would probably be no concerns. Sanderson agreed and stated the existing policy is fine as written. Ahles will inform APAC of the solutions the FYE Committee recommends regarding the issues discussed.

Meeting adjourned at 4:21 p.m.

Gloria Riopelle