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APAC Minutes
January 19, 1999

Members present: Reed (chair 4:00-4:15), Midgarden (chair 4:15-5:00), Conteh, Dunkirk, Enz-Finken, Jeppson, Klenk, Klindworth, Mowry, Ruth, Sanderson, Schmidt, Scholl, Shimabukuro, Smedman.

1. Department of Mass Communications

Change course title of MC 375: Case Studies in Public Relations (3 cr.) to: Case Studies in Organizational Public Relations.

(This item was tabled at the 11/17/98 APAC meeting.)

Smedman moved. Conteh seconded to remove changing the course title of MC 375: Case Studies in Public Relationships, from the table and amend the motion to approve changing the course title to: Case Studies in Organizational Public Relations.

Amended motion carried unanimously.

2. Department of Mathematics

Minor Change:

Change course level and title of MATH 263: Calculus III (4 cr.) to MATH 323: Multi-Variable and Vector Calculus

(Materials submitted with the 12/15/98 APAC agenda.)

Change course level of MATH 129: Fundamentals of Applied Mathematics (3 cr.) to MATH 229.

Change course level of MATH 134: Introduction to Probability and Statistics (4 cr.) to MATH 234.

Change course level of MATH 136: Applied Statistics (4 cr.) to MATH 236.

Change course level of MATH 138: Statistical Methods (2 cr.) to MATH 238.

Change course level of MATH 203: Foundations of Number Systems (3 cr.) to MATH 303.

Change course level of MATH 204: Informal Geometry (3 cr.) to MATH 304.

The committee had no objections to the minor changes. Mattson explained that some of the courses were 200-level courses under the quarter system but were converted to 100-level semester courses. Some freshmen students prematurely enroll in these courses due to the 100-level number and have an unsatisfactory finish in the course (42% are either D, F or W). Smedman was concerned whether the math courses would continue to transfer from Fergus Falls Community Colleges to MSU at the same course level. Mattson said that faculty in the department with math education expertise evaluate transfer courses and will continue to do so.

3. Department of CSIS

Major changes:

- a. COMS Major: replace "One year of physical science with lab" with:
BIO 111-114 OR
CHEM 150,155, 160, 165 OR
Physics 111-112 OR
Physics 200-201

Sibley moved. Dunkirk seconded.

Shimabukuro stated the Biology department wishes to add two courses which would also be appropriate for this requirement. Midgarden requested that Gaffrey submit a memo to APAC listing the additional Biology courses, and the item will be placed on the APAC agenda.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. CIS Major: Delete CSIS 448: Database Project (1 cr.) from the list of requirements.

Ruth moved. Conteh seconded to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Department of Languages

APAC had no concerns with the following minor changes:

Minor changes:

- a. Change course level of LANG 340: Methods & Materials in Teaching Foreign Languages (4 cr.) to, LANG 440/540.

(The Graduate Studies Committee approved this change at their 11/4/98 meeting. Teacher Preparation Committee approved this change at their 12/2/98 meeting.)

- b. Change course level of SPAN 402: Survey of Spanish Linguistics (3 cr.) to, SPAN 402/502.

(The Graduate Studies Committee approved this change at their 11/4/98 meeting.)

5. Department of Philosophy

APAC had no concerns with the following minor changes:

Minor changes:

- a. Change course level of PHIL 211: Morals and Medicine (3 cr.) to, PHIL 311
- b. Change course level of PHIL 240: Symbolic Logic (3 cr.) to, PHIL 340
- c. Change course level of PHIL 214: Introduction to Feminist Theory (3 cr.) to, PHIL 314

Major Change:

- a. Philosophy Major: In the category of electives, change "at least sixteen credits of electives, eight of which must be at the 300-level or above" to, "ten of which must be at the 300 level or above."

Scholl moved. Ruth seconded to approve.

Gracyk stated that this change would take affect Fall 1999.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Department of Accounting

Major Changes effective Fall 1999:

- a. Delete the following courses:
 - Acct 105: Law for Non-Business (2-3 cr.)
 - Acct 448: Tax Research (1-3 cr.)
 - Acct 351: Cost II (3 cr.)
 - Acct 465: Internal Auditing (2 cr.)
 - Acct 496: Senior Seminar (1 cr.)

Sibley moved. Conteh seconded to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. APAC had no concerns with the following changes:

Minor Changes:

Change number, title and course description of ACCT 305: Business Law I (3 cr.) to, ACCT 307: Commercial Transactions

Change title and course description of ACCT 306: Business Law II (3 cr.) to, Business Entities and Property.

Add Acct 315/Mgmt 370 or consent of instructor as prerequisites for ACCT 330: Intermediate I (3 cr.)

Change title and course description of ACCT 350: Cost Accounting I (3 cr.) to, Cost Accounting. Add prerequisites ACCT 315/Mgmt 370 or consent of instructor.

Change course number and course description of ACCT 370: Accounting Information Systems (3 cr.) to, ACCT 315. Change prerequisites to ACCT 230 & CSIS 103.

Change course description of ACCT 430/530: Advanced Accounting (3 cr.)

Change course description of ACCT 431/531: Non-Profit Accounting (3 cr.). Change prerequisites to ACCT 330 or consent of instructor.

Change course description for ACCT 460/560: Audit I (3 cr.). Change prerequisites to ACCT 331 completed or concurrent.

Change prerequisite for ACCT 495/595: Advanced Topics in Business Law (1-3 cr.) to ACCT 205 or consent of instructor.

c. Changes to the Accounting Major

Required (24 Cr.)

ACCT 306: Business Entities & Property

ACCT 330: Intermediate I

ACCT 331: Intermediate II

ACCT 340: Intro to Tax

ACCT 350: Cost Acctg

ACCT 430: Advanced Acctg

ACCT 431: Not-for-Profit Acct

ACCT 460: Audit

Restricted Electives (3 cr.)

Smedman moved. Conteh seconded.

Sanderson stated if they maintain the current major, which has a wide variety of electives and demands additional faculty preparation, then faculty are not as able to achieve scholarly activity. Packaging the major differently allows more time for scholarly activity. This major satisfies the curriculum requirements for accreditation. The curriculum has been called "traditional" and he explained that one reason it is traditional, is because 40% of accounting graduates are transfer students and so come to MSU from a variety of institutions at different stages of completion of the accounting major.

Motion carried unanimously.

d. Revise Accounting Minor for Business majors

Minor remains at 15 credits:

ACCT 306: Business Entities & Property

ACCT 330: Intermediate I

ACCT 331: Intermediate II

ACCT 340: Intro to Tax

3 credits from ACCT 350, 430, 431, 460

Ruth moved. Smedman seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

- e. Revise Accounting Minor for Non-Business majors

Minor remains at 25 credits:

ACCT 205: Environment of Law

ACCT 230: Principles of Accounting I

ACCT 231: Principles of Accounting II

ACCT 306: Business Entities & Property

ACCT 315: Accounting Information Systems

ACCT 330: Intermediate I

ACCT 331: Intermediate II

ACCT 340: Intro to Tax

Scholl moved. Smedman seconded.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Department of Speech/Language/Hearing Sciences

New Emphasis:

Pre-audiology Emphasis (Hearing Only)

Midgarden stated that an emphasis is a program in which at least fifty-one percent of the courses are shared with an existing, approved program. Tieglund said this is really a marketing strategy and that they expect approximately four students a year to go through this program. This emphasis is not frequently offered at other institutions. This will assist students who are seeking a professional degree in audiology. Coppens stated this emphasis is not offered by any of the other MnSCU institutions. He could not recall specific names of non-MnSCU institutions that offer a similar emphasis. APAC will act on this emphasis at 2/2/99 meeting.

8. Changing the "Pass/Fail" or "Pass/No Credit" letter grade from "S" to "P" to report passing grades.

Shimabukuro moved. Ruth seconded to approve changing the "Pass/Fail" or "Pass/No Credit" letter grade from "S" to "P" to report passing grades.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Gloria Riopelle