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Members present: Midgarden, Chair; Borchers, Borgeson, Conteh, Davis, Dobitz, Dunkirk, Goodman, Grineski, Jeppson, Klenk, Klindworth, Lane, Reed, Sanderson, Shimabukuro, Welken.

The order of the agenda was changed to accommodate C.T. Hanson's class schedule.

### **1. Mass Communications Department**

Dunkirk moved. Borchers seconded to approve to eliminate the 20 additional liberal studies credits in designated categories as a requirement of the mass communications major.

C. T. Hanson stated that the 20 additional liberal studies credits were initially instated for journalism accreditation purposes.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. Honor Cords and honor society pins at Commencement**

VP Midgarden stated that she met with the Student Senate to discuss the request for honor cords and honor society pins to be worn at commencement. (A recommendation to wear cords representing honor society membership was discussed at APAC late last spring.) Student Senate President Stephanie McCleerey stated that the Student Senate will finish discussing the recommendation at their 12/9/99 meeting. The language currently being discussed by members of the Student Senate is as follows:

- 1) an approval process through the office of Academic Affairs,
- 2) those honored by cords be students recognized for their university GPA,
- 3) students in nationally recognized honor societies be recognized at commencement by society pins,
- 4) a printed insertion be added to the commencement program explaining the three university recognized cords. The insertion should also describe the honor societies decoration, mission statement, and GPA standard.

The cord colors would be as follows:

Red & White Cord - Summa Cum Laude (3.8 GPA or better)  
Red Cord - Magna Cum Laude (3.6 GPA or better)  
White Cord - Cum Laude (3.4 GPA or better)

Midgarden stated that the University would pay for the white and red cords, just as it pays for the red/white summer cords now. The additional cost will be about \$725 each year. She stated that various honor societies give students pins at their initiation. President Barden has approved of the wearing of the cords at fall semester 1999 commencement and the cords have been ordered. McCleerey stated that the Student Senate would work on compiling a list of the honor societies and developing an approval process through Academic Affairs.

### **3. Liberal Studies Committee Minutes (Information only)**

The minutes of the 10/26/99 and 11/2/99 Liberal Studies Committee were discussed. The Liberal Studies Assessment Committee Student Learning Outcomes will be brought to APAC during spring semester after the Liberal Studies Committee has completed its recommendations.

#### 4. Anthropology and Earth Science Department

- a. Conteh moved. Lane seconded to drop the following 30 Anthropology 1 credit courses :

210R	210W	216R	216W
217R	217W	248R	248W
260R	260W	265R	265W
270R	270W	275R	275W
290R	290W	300R	300W
302R	302W	303R	303W
306R	306W	315R	315W
380R	380W		

Motion carried unanimously.

Davis moved. Shimabukuro seconded to approve to drop the following courses:

Drop ANTH 280: Forensic Anthropology (4 cr.)

Drop ANTH 320: Human Osteology (4 cr.)

Drop ANTH 321: Bioarchaeology (4 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Borchers moved. Sanderson seconded to approve to drop the following course:

Drop ANTH 260: Anthropological Linguistics (3 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Shimabukuro moved. Conteh seconded to approve the following:

Cross-list the following MCS courses with Anthropology courses:

MCS 202 (F1): Traditional American Indian Cultures (3 cr.), with ANTH 202

MCS 218 (F1): American Indian Belief Systems (3 cr.), with ANTH 218. (Please note that MCS 218 is currently cross-listed with HUM 218 which is from the same department.)

Request to drop the HUM rubric from that course.

MCS 332 (F1): Indians of the Southwest (3 cr.), with ANTH 332

Conteh suggested that the balance of F and F1 courses be reviewed. Midgarden will ask Judy Strong to bring that suggestion to the Global Studies Committee for discussion.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 5. Biology Department

- a. Dunkirk moved. Klindworth seconded to approve the Biology Major with a Health and Medical Sciences Emphasis

Kathryn Wise was present to answer questions. She stated that she had met with Bruce Briggs regarding the overlap with Health Services Administration. This emphasis focuses on science expertise. Wise stated that it would be difficult to compare to NDSU's programs as they have so many biology areas. Shimabukuro stated that other institutions can offer this curriculum through various departments but MSU offers them through one department (Biology). She stated that currently the Biology department is delivering these courses now but staffing is always a concern because of student demand. She stated that 70% of incoming students express interest in the health and medical sciences. Dunkirk noted that it would not restrict students from going into other majors, such as Chemistry.

Conteh asked if they would consider focusing on human rights in health care. Shimabukuro stated that Conteh's suggestion would be considered further.

Motion carried unanimously.

- b. Borgeson moved. Ginther seconded to approve the Health and Medical Sciences Minor.

Conteh suggested that the international aspects of health issues be considered. Wise stated that it is included in courses and advisors talk to students regarding the importance of the global perspective.

Motion carried unanimously.

- c. Davis moved. Welken seconded to approve the Change to the Life Science (Teaching) Major.

Motion carried unanimously.

## 6. Speech and Theatre Department

New Course:

Lane moved. Conteh seconded to approve the new course:  
SPCH 301: Business and Professional Communication (3 cr.)

Lynn Harter stated that this course will develop students' oral and written communication skills.

Letters of support for this course from the departments of Business Administration, English and Mass Communications were distributed to members present.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:10 p.m.  
Gloria Riopelle