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APAC Minutes
February 1, 2000

Members present: Reed, chair; Borchers, Borgeson, Conteh, Dalhouse, Davis, Dunkirk, Enz-Finken, Frederick, Goodman, Klenk, Klindworth, Ruth, Sanderson, Shimabukuro, Lane, Welken.

1. Political Science

a. Minor Change:

There was no objection to the following:

Change course level of POL/CJ 232: Criminal Law (3 cr.) to 335.

b. Major Change:

Sanderson moved. Borchers seconded to approve of the new course:

POL 337: Criminal Procedure (3 cr.) This course would be cross-listed with Criminal Justice 337.

Paul Kramer was present to answer questions. Sanderson asked if students should complete POL 335 prior to taking 337 and if prerequisites should be added to the proposal. Kramer stated that there was no need to take 335 prior to 337. He was not opposed to adding prerequisites to POL 337 and indicated that students most likely to enroll in 337 are paralegal, political science and criminal justice majors. Paralegal majors are required to take ACCT 205; political science majors, POL 230; and criminal justice majors, CJ 200. Sanderson suggested that students be required to complete one of the three courses (ACCT 205 or POL 230 or CJ 200) as a prerequisite to POL 337. Kramer agreed to that change.

Motion as amended carried unanimously.

2. Sociology and Criminal Justice Department

a. Minor changes:

The committee had no objection to the following changes:

Change course level of CJ 232: Criminal Law (3 cr.) to CJ 335.

Change title and course description of SOC 303: Punishment and Corrections to: Punishment and Prisons.

b. Major changes:

Davis moved. Thomas seconded to approve the new course:

SOC 304: Community Corrections (3 cr.)

Mark Hansel was present to answer questions. Borchers asked if prerequisites should be added to the course. Hansel stated that students who take this course would have already taken Intro to Criminal Justice or Sociology or transfer into MSU with an equivalent of these two courses. Ruth noted that SOC 303 has prerequisites SOC 110 and 112. Conteh questioned the similarities in titles of SOC 303 & 304. Hansel explained the difference between the two courses and indicated that the department may make additional changes

to SOC 303. Sanderson suggested an amendment to add “SOC 110 or CJ 200 or consent of instructor” as prerequisites to the SOC 304 course proposal.

Motion as amended, carried unanimously.

There were no objections to the following changes:

Cross list POL 337: Criminal Procedure (3 cr.) with CJ 337

Increase the number of credits in the Criminal Justice major from 44 to 46.

Reduce restricted elective credits from 13 to 12.

3. Anthropology and Earth Science Department

There were no objections to the following change:

Change title, catalogue description and reduce credits of ANTH 248: Theory through Institutions (4 cr.) to: Ideas of Culture (3 cr.). (These changes were approved by the Liberal Studies Committee at their 1/18/00 meeting for continued designation for Liberal Studies C credit.)

The committee discussed the seminar component of ANTH 445/545 at length. Mike Michlovic was present to answer questions and he explained how he teaches this course. He stated that seminars are taught differently dependent upon the faculty member. Dalhouse asked if the catalog description for ANTH 445/545 would change. The committee had no objection to the following change although Michlovic agreed to broaden the description of the course.

Reduce credits of ANTH 445/545: Seminar in Anthropology from 4 to 3. (The Graduate Studies Committee approved this change via e-mail 12/6/99.)

Conteh suggested that the APAC examine how seminars are taught in order to clarify this for future discussions. Ruth noted that departments may have varying definitions of a seminar. Conteh requested that the discussion of the definition of seminar be placed on a future APAC agenda.

The result of APAC's vote on Conteh's request: 8 Yes/6 No.

4. English Department Minor Change:

The committee had no objection to the following:

Change course level of ENGL 461: Introduction to Descriptive Linguistics (3 cr.) to: 361

Major Change:

Ruth moved. Shimabukuro seconded to approve the following new courses:

ENGL 111: Composition and Literature for Non-Native Speakers (4 cr.)

ENGL 112: Composition and Literature for Non-Native Speakers (4 cr.)

(The Liberal Studies Committee tabled the proposal for Liberal Studies A credit for these courses at their 1/18/00 meeting and then approved the designations at their 1/20/00 meeting.)

Joy Janzen was present to answer questions. She stated that these courses had been offered in the past but removed from the curriculum and she is requesting that they be reinstated. Janzen indicated that one section per semester (Engl 111 fall semester and Engl 112 spring semester) would be offered. Enz Finken noted that the students that need this type of course, may not register because they believe their English is adequate. Those students might fail in other areas without assistance with the English language. Davis suggested that students registered for English 101 and 102 who need this help, be funneled into the English 111 or 112 courses.

Conteh suggested that these courses be mandatory for student from CIS (previous Soviet Union) since those students are not required to take an English course as they are here only for one year. Tandberg stated that CIS students are not degree seeking students. Reed suggested that Conteh's concern be brought to the Global Studies Committee.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.
Gloria Riopelle