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Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Borchers, Borgeson, Conteh, Edvenson, Goodman, Gracyk, Sanderson, Shimabukuro, Shreve, Weckler.

1. Tri-College University Nursing Master's Degree (Action)

(The Graduate Studies Committee approved this proposal at their 9/18/00 meeting. A hearing was held regarding this proposal at the 10/24/00 APAC Meeting.)

Conteh moved. Goodman seconded to approve this degree.

The committee briefly reviewed the proposal. Barb Vellenga was present to answer questions.

Motion carried unanimously.

2. Health and Physical Education

New course:

Shreve moved. Sanderson seconded to approve the new course:

HLTH 335: Health Education and the Middle Level Adolescent (2 cr.)

Kari Berg was at the meeting to answer questions regarding this course. She stated that this course meets Board of Teaching regulations. This course will be offered once a year to meet teacher education needs. The number of total class meeting hours (30) per semester or session was added to the course proposal form.

Motion carried unanimously.

Health Education Major: Teaching

Borchers moved. Weckler seconded to approve the following:

Add HLTH 335 as a major requirement to this major. Credits will increase from 27 to 29. (PE 211 was dropped from the HPE curriculum at the 5/2/00 APAC meeting.)

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Elementary & Early Childhood Education

Sarah Smedman and Solveig Bartz were present to answer questions.

The committee had no concerns with this Minor Change:

Increase credits of EECE 623: Special Topics in Literature for Young Readers, from 2 to 3 credits.

Major Changes:

New Course:

Weckler moved. Borgeson seconded to approve this new course:

EECE 662: Folkloric Patterns in Literature for Young Readers (3 cr.)

(The Graduate Studies Committee approved this course at their 10/19/00 meeting.)

Smedman explained that students who have completed a bachelor's degree who do not want to enter the master's degree program, but want graduate credit can complete these courses and receive this certificate. Students may, after receiving the certificate, enter into the M.S. in Reading program. Graduate students may also add this certificate to their Master of Science Degree in Reading.

Motion carried unanimously.

Shreve moved. Edverson seconded to approve the Graduate Certificate in Children's and Young Adult Literature. (The Graduate Studies Committee approved this certificate at their 10/19/00 meeting.)

Tandberg stated that the graduate catalog states that at least 22 credits must be taken after program admission to study for the master's degree. Smedman said that students must be made aware of that requirement during advising. Midgarden stated that the Graduate Studies Committee should review that requirement at least in the case of students who have completed an MSUM graduate certificate. Smedman stated that 6 credits of this certificate would be offered in July in 3 concentrated weeks. The other two courses would be offered on alternate years. EECE 662 may also be taken as an elective for students in the MLA and C&I programs.

Conteh asked if APAC should expect other certificate proposals. Midgarden stated that that non-degree course work was recently discussed at the November IFO Meet and Confer. Demand for certificate option will increase; regional employers are beginning to advertise for specific competencies rather than degrees. This will be discussed further at the college meetings in January. The MnSCU approval process for non-degree programs is not finalized but a process should be in place soon. The Teaching certificate programs approved by APAC last spring are not yet approved by MnSCU. The committee discussed ideas for other certificate programs.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.
Gloria Riopelle