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APAC Minutes
October 2, 2001

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Dobitz, Edvenson, Enz Finken, Gess, Jeppson, Klenk, Max, Mills, Missiras, Schwartz, Shreve, Stockrahm, Wallert, Weckler.

1. Approval of the 9/18/01 APAC minutes:

Missiras moved. Weckler seconded to approve the 9/18/01 APAC minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Honors Program

Enz Finken moved. Conteh seconded to approve the new course:

Honors 308: Aesthetics of Music (3 cr.)

(The Liberal Studies committee approved this course for Liberal Studies Division D at their 9/21/01 meeting.) Theodore Gracyk was present to answer questions.

Motion carried unanimously.

3. Graduation Honors Requirement

Change the Graduation Honors Requirement to:

The College of Education and Human Services proposed that all students who complete at least 43 credits at MSUM as candidates for baccalaureate degrees may graduate with honors. The APAC discussed the proposal during meetings on 4/17/01 & 5/1/01. Minutes of those meetings are available on the academic affairs webpage.

The APAC members reviewed academic honor policies from six other universities. They also reviewed data from an analysis of the Spring 2000 MSUM graduating class provided by John Tandberg. Donna Heald was present to support the proposal on behalf of the nursing department. These points were discussed by the committee:

- Credits accepted in transfer by MSUM should be included in a student's GPA. (Some students transfer to MSUM with an Associate of Arts degree.) Liberal Studies credits are approved for transfer by Admissions, and the appropriate department decides whether to approve transfer coursework required in the student's major.
- Grade inflation.
- Implications that the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum policy has on transfer credits.
- The number of nursing students graduating with honors.
- If the existing academic honor policy, which was established long ago, is fair to students currently earning degrees from MSU Moorhead.

A subcommittee of APAC volunteered to review the academic honors policy: KathleenENZ Finken, Gary Edverson, Steve Bolduc, Jarilyn Gess, and Ron Jeppson. Jeppson will convene the first meeting. Other members of the university with expertise may also assist the subcommittee. The subcommittee's charge is:

- to review MSUM's academic honor policy, and to consider if a student's GPA should include coursework/grades accepted in transfer by MSUM.
- If a change is recommended, the subcommittee must also address:
 - ❖ when the policy would be implemented,
 - ❖ if an appeals process is needed and if so, the period of time alums would be allowed to appeal.
- The subcommittee will obtain feedback from the campus prior to their recommendation to APAC. APAC will discuss the recommendation at the April 2 meeting to allow time for policy revisions, if any are recommended, to complete the governance process this spring.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.
Gloria Riopelle