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October 15, 2002 APAC Minutes

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Dobitz, Enz Finken, Gess, Jeppson, Olerud, Quigley, Schwartz, Shaw, Shreve, Weckler

Members absent: Flack, Max, Mills, Ruth, Stockrahm, Strong, Wallert.

1. 10/1/02 APAC Minutes

Bolduc moved. Weckler seconded to approve the 10/1/02 APAC minutes.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Nursing Department

Increase the variable credits of NURS 490: Topics in Professional Nursing from 1-3 cr. to: 1-4 cr. This item was tabled at the 10/1/02 APAC meeting because the non-laboratory hours per week were incorrect on the proposal. Barbara Vellenga was present to answer questions. Weckler moved. Conteh seconded to remove this item from the table for approval.
Motion carried to remove from the table.

Motion to approve carried unanimously.

3. Honors Program

New Course Proposal:

HON 315: Science and Time (3 cr.) This course was approved for Liberal Studies B designation at the 9/24/02 Liberal Studies Committee meeting. A letter in support of the course from the Physics department was circulated at the meeting.

Michael Hughey and Mike Michlovic were present to answer questions.

Enz moved. Borchers seconded to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

4. Sociology and Criminal Justice Department

New Course Proposal:

SOC 325: Social Movements (3 cr.) This course was approved for Liberal Studies C designation at the 9/27/02 Liberal Studies Committee meeting.

Jan Fiola was present to answer questions. Support letters from the History and Humanities departments were distributed to members. A committee member suggested offering this course under the Liberal Studies F designation. Fiola stated that she would consider that request.

Motion carried unanimously.

5. Special Education Department

Please note that both proposals have been approved by the Teacher Preparation Committee and the Dean. Joanne Baldwin and Linda Svobodny were present to answer questions.

Special Education: Physical/Health Disabilities Licensure

Shreve moved. Conteh seconded to approve adding SpEd 423: Young Children with Disabilities and Their Families (3 cr.) to the Licensure requirements for the Physical/Health Disabilities license.

Motion carried unanimously.

Bolduc moved. Shreve seconded to approve requiring Math 303: Foundations of Number Systems (3 cr.) as part of the Liberal Arts requirements for Special Education Majors.

Motion carried unanimously.

6. Speech Communication and Theatre Arts

David Wheeler was present to answer questions.

Credit Reduction for the Minor in Theatre Dance

Bolduc moved. Schwartz seconded to approve dropping SPCH 334: Voice for Acting (3 cr.) as a requirement for the Minor in Theatre Dance. This will reduce the total required credits for the minor from 24 to 21 credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Music Department

Rodney Rothlisberger was present to answer questions.

Shreve moved. Bolduc seconded to approve the following changes in Vocal Music Education:

- ❖ Reduce the credits of Applied Voice from 12 to 9 credits
- ❖ Students will be required to belong to a vocal ensemble each semester they are full time students, except during the semester they student teach.
- ❖ 4 credits chosen from the following classes would be required:
 - MUS 440: Music Literature: Song (2 cr.)
 - MUS 442: Music Literature: Choral (2 cr.)
 - MUS 432: Voice Pedagogy (2 cr.)
 - MUS 227: Opera Workshop (1-2 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Other:

The following items were discussed:

- ❖ Curriculum changes are made to the live catalog on the web. It was noted that students should be notified prior to advising that current program information is available on the web and from departments.
- ❖ The committee would like to discuss the impact of the creation of on-line courses at a future meeting. It was noted that APAC's charge is to review the content of the curriculum and not the delivery of the course.
- ❖ Future discussion of reducing the number of credits required for baccalaureate degrees. The committee must wait for the President's decision on the type of committee he will appoint to review that item.
- ❖ The committee requested a list of past items that have been reviewed by APAC and need to return to APAC to report on their activities or progress. For example, the Admission two-year pilot project and mandatory course placement based on exam score for entry level courses. These items will be placed on the academic affairs website.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Gloria Riopelle