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## **February 4, 2003 – APAC Minutes**

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Borchers, Conteh, Dobitz, Flack, Gess, Jeppson, Mills, Olerud, Quigley, Schwartz, Shaw, Stockrahm, Stoichev, Strong, Wallert, Weckler.

Members absent: Bolduc, Enz Finken, Max, Ruth, Shreve.

### **1. Approval of the January 21, 2003 APAC minutes**

Olerud moved. Conteh seconded to approve the 1/21/03 APAC minutes.  
Motion carried unanimously.

### **2. History Department**

Paul Harris and Margaret Sankey were present to answer questions.

There were no concerns regarding the following changes:

Change course title of HIST 321: History of England I (3 cr.) to: History of Britain I. The course description will also change.

Change course title of HIST 322: History of England II (3 cr.) to: History of Britain II. The course description will also change.

Weckler moved. Gess seconded to approve the following new course proposal:

HIST 329: Modern Military History (2 cr.)

The committee discussed the following items regarding this course: liberal studies credit, prerequisites, course content, course-level and the number of credits assigned to the course vs. the course expectations.

Motion carried unanimously.

### **3. Discussion Only - Liberal Studies Committee Recommendation regarding changing the Liberal Studies Requirements for the bachelor's degree.** (This was discussed at the 12/3/02 APAC meeting.) The Liberal Studies Committee met on January 30, 2003, and recommends approval to change the Liberal Studies Requirements for the bachelor's degree as proposed by President Barden. The recommendation reads:

One course in the major discipline may be applied towards Liberal Studies requirements. Courses required for the major but taken from other departments (related requirements) may be used for Liberal Studies requirements, as may courses from a minor or a second major... The note that addresses "math majors...." can be deleted. (This proposal was discussed at the 12/3/02 and 2/4/03 APAC meetings.)

Ron Jeppson, the only member of the Liberal Studies Committee present at the APAC meeting, was present to answer questions regarding the Liberal Studies Committee recommendation. He stated that the committee met twice to discuss this proposal. They feel that this change will:

- ❖ benefit transfer students.
- ❖ reduce the number of courses needed for a student to graduate with a degree.
- ❖ emphasize the value of liberal studies courses in a student's major program.
- ❖ reduce tuition costs for students.

Jeppson noted that the goals of the Liberal Studies program would still be met with this change.

The committee discussed the following if the recommendation is approved:

- ❖ how this recommendation will effect some departments/programs.
- ❖ when would the change take effect?
- ❖ is this proposal a result of probably higher tuition costs for students and/or connected to the proposal to change the degree requirements in some departments?

APAC will vote on this recommendation at their February 18, 2003 meeting.

**4. Student Academic Conference**

Andrew Conteh requested that faculty encourage their students to participate and/or attend the fifth annual student academic conference scheduled on April 9, 2003. The application deadline is February 13 and the application can be found at the following website:

<http://www.mnstate.edu/acadconf/2003/>

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Gloria Riopelle