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February 18, 2003 APAC Minutes

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Dobitz, Enz Finken, Flack, Gess, Max, Olerud, Quigley, Schwartz, Shaw, Shreve, Stockrahm, Strong, Wallert, and Weckler.

Members absent: Jeppson, Mills, Ruth and Stoichev.

1. Approval of the February 4, 2002 APAC Minutes

Conteh moved. Shaw seconded to approve.
Motion carried unanimously.

2. Speech Language Hearing Science Department

Bruce Hanson was present to answer questions. He stated that this course will not be split into an A & B course but that the change will make it possible for students to earn one credit fall semester and one credit spring semester. Some students might still take both credits in one term. There will be no changes to the course description.

SLP 696: Research Project from 2 to: 1-2 credits.

The committee had no objection to the change.

3. Sociology and Criminal Justice Department

Deb White was present to answer questions. The committee had no objection to the following changes:

Change the course description for SOC 351: Quantitative Methods (3 cr.).
Change the course title of SOC 404: Social Power (3 cr.) to: Political Sociology. Also change the course description.

4. Biology Department

The committee had no objection to the following changes:

Change the course description and the prerequisites for BIOL 305: General Botany (4 cr.)
Change in course description for BIOL 372: Aquatic Biology (4 cr.)

Change prerequisites for the following courses:

BIOL 350: Microbiology (4 cr.)
BIOL 360: Cell and Vertebrate Systems Physiology (4 cr.)
BIOL 347: Plant Physiology (3 cr.)
BIOL 385: Molecular Biology (4 cr.)

John Tandberg noted that prerequisites such as consent of instructor or recommended courses, must be noted in the course description.

5. Languages and Cultures Department

James Weckler was present to answer questions because Jenny Lin has class during the APAC meeting time.

Bolduc moved. Weckler seconded to approve the following new course proposals:
CHIN 250: Chinese Calligraphy I (2 cr.)
CHIN 350: Chinese Calligraphy II (2 cr.)

The committee discussed the following questions regarding the courses:

- ❖ Prerequisites required
- ❖ Difference between the two courses
- ❖ If courses are concurrent, should they be numbered 250 and 251
- ❖ The text is used for both courses - which chapters are to be covered in each course.

The committee decided that James Weckler will bring these questions to Jenny Lin and return to the March 4 APAC meeting with the answers.

Weckler moved to table. Wallert seconded.
Motion to table carried unanimously.

6. Action regarding the 1/30/03 Liberal Studies Committee's approval to change the Liberal Studies Requirements for the bachelor's degree as proposed by President Barden. President Barden was present at the meeting.

Shaw moved. Shreve seconded to approve the following recommendation:

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.)

The committee discussed the following items:

- ❖ When the policy would be implemented (The governance process was explained.) If implemented immediately, students graduating in the summer can benefit.
- ❖ When graduate applications are due to the Registrar.
- ❖ How faculty advisors would be notified of the change.
- ❖ Would this proposal harm students because they may not be taking that one Liberal Studies course outside of their major.
- ❖ Should all Liberal Studies courses, not only one, in a student's major be counted.
- ❖ This recommendation will strengthen the Liberal Studies program, restore integrity to Liberal Studies courses offered within departments and benefit students.
- ❖ Are Liberal Studies courses tailored to majors or non-majors.

Motion to carried with 13 in approval and 1 opposed. There were no abstentions.

Review the number of credits required to earn a bachelor's degree.

VP Midgarden stated that the Deans will ask the college department chairpersons if they wish to send one or two representatives to the March 4 APAC meeting to speak to the committee about their department's position regarding reducing the number of credits required for the Bachelor of Arts degree. An extra APAC meeting is scheduled on March 25 at 3:30 p.m. in the Comstock Room to vote on that recommendation.

At the April 1 APAC meeting, the process to discuss potential credit reductions in the Bachelor of Science degrees will begin.

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