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March 4, 2003 APAC Minutes

Members present: Midgarden, chairperson; Bolduc, Borchers, Conteh, Enz Finken, Flack, Jeppson, Max, Mills, Quigley, Schwartz, Shaw, Shreve, Stockrahm, Wallert, and Weckler.

Members absent: Dobitz, Olerud, Ruth, Stoichev, and Strong.

1. Languages and Cultures Department

Weckler moved. Bolduc seconded to approve the following new course proposals:

CHIN 250: Chinese Calligraphy I (2 cr.)

CHIN 350: Chinese Calligraphy II (2 cr.)

Jenny Lin was present to answer questions. She stated students would not be allowed to take both courses because the same text will be used for both, but more will be required of the students in CHIN 350. A prerequisite is not required for CHIN 250; a prerequisite of one semester of Chinese is required for CHIN 350.

The committee felt the titles of Calligraphy I and II would make students think they needed to take both classes and asked for some rewriting of the proposal.

Shreve moved to table. Schwartz seconded.

Motion to table carried unanimously.

2. Women's Studies Program

Shaw moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the following change:

Changes the list of electives: Eliminate SOC 375: Sociology of Health and Medicine [C] (3 cr.) and add SOC 308: Introduction to Gerontology (3)

No one was not present to answer questions.

Schwartz moved to table. Bolduc seconded.

Motion to table carried unanimously.

3. Approval of the February 18, 2003 APAC Minutes

Bolduc moved. Borchers seconded to approve.

Motion carried unanimously.

4. Political Science Department

The committee had no objection to the following change:

Decrease the course level of POL 365: International Protection of Human Rights (3 cr.) to: 265. (This course has not been approved for Liberal Studies Division F.)

5. Anthropology and Earth Science

Russ Colson was present to answer questions.

Shreve moved. Shaw seconded to approved the following new course proposal:

GEOS 469: Internship in Geosciences (1-10 credits)

Motion approved unanimously.

6. History Department

Paul Harris, Margaret Sankey and Chris Corley were present to answer questions.

Bolduc moved. Weckler seconded to approve the following proposal:

Decrease the number of electives for the History Minor at the 300 level or above in Asia, Latin America, Africa or the modern Middle East from 4 to 3 credits (effectively reducing Restricted Electives total from 10 to 9 credits).

Motion carried unanimously.

Shaw moved. Schwartz seconded to approve the following new courses:

HIST 316: Ancient Greece and Rome (4 cr.)

HIST 317: Medieval Europe (4 cr.)

HIST 319: Early Modern Europe (4 cr.)

HIST 323: Nineteenth Century European History (4 cr.)

HIST 324: Twentieth Century Europe (4 cr.)

The committee voiced concern about students having problems trying to work both 3 credit and 4 credit classes into their schedules. Sankey responded to questions on why there were no prerequisites for these courses by indicating students from other majors take history classes too and they might be put off by having to take a prerequisite. Corley added that most history classes stand alone and can be taken without having any previous knowledge in any particular area.

The APAC Policy Committee was asked to look at the possibility of requiring a paragraph that explains no prerequisites are necessary.

Motion carried unanimously.

7. Humanities and Multicultural Studies Department

Konrad Czynski was present to answer questions.

Weckler moved. Conteh seconded to approve the following change:

Change the name of the Humanities and Multicultural Studies Department to:
American Multicultural Studies and the Humanities (AMSH)

Motion carried unanimously.

8. Nursing Department

Jane Giedt and Donna Heald were present to answer questions.

Shaw moved. Bolduc seconded to approve the following change:

A. Increase the course credits for NURS 350: Advanced Pathophysiology from 3 to 4 credits.

Change the course title from Advanced Pathophysiology to: Applied Pathophysiology. Also change the course description.

Motion carried unanimously.

Schwartz moved. Weckler seconded to approve the following change:

B. Change the course credits for NURS 475L: Nursing Preceptorship from 6 to 3-5 variable credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

Schwartz moved. Wallert seconded to approve the following change:

C. Increase the course credits for NURS 460: Nursing Leadership and Management from 3 to 4 credits.

Motion carried unanimously.

Wallert moved. Stockrahm seconded to approve dropping the following courses from the curriculum:

D. NURS 305: Contemporary Professional Nurse (3 cr.)

NURS 315: Client Education in Nursing (2 cr.)

NURS 325: Holistic Client Systems (3 cr.)

NURS 346 and 346L: Community Based Nursing and CBN Lab (3 cr. each)

NURS 460L: Nursing Management/Leadership Laboratory (1 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Bolduc moved. Conteh seconded to approve the following new course proposals:

E. NURS 302: Bridge to BSN Education (4 cr.)

NURS 303L: Family Health Nursing (4 cr.)

NURS 348L: Public Health Nursing (4 cr.)

Motion carried unanimously.

Weckler moved. Wallert seconded to approve the following change:

F. Approval to decrease the major credits required from 42 to 30 credits for the B.S. in Nursing degree.

Motion carried unanimously.

9. Departmental and Faculty Presentations regarding reducing the number of credits currently required to earn a Bachelor of Arts degree – Discussion Only

- * Economics – Oscar Flores (Dr. Flores had to leave due to lateness of agenda; he will be asked to provide feedback.)
- * Anthropology & Earth Science – Russ Colson
No consensus in department, not concerned with BA, but they would be concerned with BS; they feel the message to students is “less is okay”.
- * Physics and Astronomy – Linda Winkler
Department is opposed for physics; they are not opposed to other departments requiring fewer credits. They feel:
 - a. It will cause inequity between departments
 - b. No educational reason was cited for the change
 - c. If saving students money is the reason, why not give them 8 credits for free
- * Mathematics - Tim Peil
Department is opposed.
Main reasons are:
 - a. Poor student preparation
 - b. Reduction in standards for incoming students
 - c. Discourages students from exploring other courses
 - d. Short-term solution
- * Chemistry – Craig Jasperse
Department is okay with change in BA.

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- * Biology – Donna Stockrahm
Department not really in favor, but will not oppose lowering credits for the BA, as long as it doesn't reduce credits in the major area.
- * Languages & Cultures – John Hall
Department unanimously opposed. They feel it erodes the quality of education.
- * Speech Communication and Theatre Arts – Tim Borchers
Most in their department were opposed for financial reasons, not credits. He would like to hear from Carolyn Zehren or Gina Monson.
- * Art & Design – Don Clark
Department is unanimously opposed, the reduction defeats their purpose; Enz Finken indicated the department would have a particularly difficult time with the Bachelor of Fine Arts

The committee discussed getting student input through

- ◇ Student Advisory Board in Arts & Humanities
- ◇ Student Senate
- ◇ Online survey of students in general
- ◇ Older than Average students
- ◇ Alumni

Wallert would like to see a list of BA's from all departments with

- ◇ Credits required
- ◇ Major rubric
- ◇ Related requirements
- ◇ Liberal Studies and non-Liberal Studies
- ◇ Free Electives
- ◇ 45 Liberal Studies requirements

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Jo Berg