

## MINUTES

### Curriculum and Requirements Committee Meeting March 10, 1998

Committee members Tom Christensen, Jim Eberhart, Dan Segal, Linda Watts, Teresa Jillson, Jo Stanbrough, John Miller, and Tom Wynn were present. Carol Bangs was present to record the minutes of the meeting.

#### A. MINUTES

The minutes for the February 3, 1998 meeting were approved.

#### B. OLD BUSINESS - None

#### C. NEW BUSINESS

1. 1. Delete Courses:
  - a. CHEM 384 - Molecular Genetics. Approved
2. Add New Courses:
  - a. CHEM 484 - Molecular Genetics (formerly CHEM 384). Approved
  - b. COMM 580 - Qualitative Research Practices in Communication Studies. Tabled
3. Course Revisions:
  - a. CHEM 401 (Modern Inorganic Chemistry) - Change credits from 2 to 3 hours. Approved
4. Cross-list BIOL 484/584 with CHEM 484 (formerly CHEM 384)-was previously cross listed with CHEM 384. Approved
5. Cross-listed courses and LAS area requirements - Courses not on area requirement lists but cross listed with other courses that are on the area requirement lists - Grant automatically (area requirement). The specific courses are: (F CS 369/FILM 369/SPA 369), (R ST 310/PHIL 310), (WMST 100/WMST 101/SOC 225). Approved Will be forwarded to the next University Faculty meeting.
6. Add Distributed Studies Major in Business Economics. Rationale is to integrate Economics with the Business programs and assess interest for a possible future major. Approved Need to get Records code for this area of emphasis.
7. Redefine the structure for Distributed Studies. The structure of the Distributed Studies major was discussed and voted upon. Rationale: Students can enhance an area of choice into a Distributed Studies major. Structure and assessment is needed. The committee voted and approved the following:

## Distributed Studies

Distributed Studies is not a general studies degree. Rather, it is a degree that is structured out of courses offered by two or more programs. There are two approaches to a Distributed Studies degree.

### A. Structured interdisciplinary programs

These include Justice Studies, Special Education, Public Administration, Ecology, and \*Business Economics. The programs include a standard set of courses and options, which are detailed in the Bulletin.

\* Pending acceptance by the LAS Faculty.

### B. Individualized Distributed Studies built on stand-alone minors.

Students may design a Distributed Studies major around a core curriculum provided by the following stand-alone minors:

- Energy Science
- Ethnic Minority Studies
- Film Studies
- French
- German
- Gerontology
- Women's Studies

The stand-alone minor would become the primary curriculum for the degree. Because a minor requires only 18 credit hours, the student must negotiate the remaining 12 hours of primary subject with the director of the minor program. Thirty hours of course work must carry grades of "C" or better, and at least 15 hours must be from upper division courses. No more than 8 credit hours of Independent Study can be applied to the primary area of concentration.

The student, in consultation with the director of the primary subject, would then select a secondary subject area in which he or she would complete 30 Credit hours (these cannot include credit hours taken to complete the primary subject requirement). The secondary concentration will consist of 30 credit hours in one discipline, or 30 credit hours divided between two (15 and 15, or 18 and 12).

The degree requires 60 total credit hours, and students must maintain a 2.0 grade point average in all course work included in the program.

Before embarking on such a program of study a student **must** negotiate a Distributed Studies contract with the director of the stand-alone minor that

will constitute the primary area of the program.

For both approaches, courses taken as part of the distributed program can be counted toward the college area requirement.

\*\* Beginning with the first term following passage by the LAS faculty, individualized Distributed Studies not covered by the above two options will no longer be allowed.

8. Subcommittee selection (Tom). A faculty committee will be formed comprising two members from C & R and two members from CAP. Linda Watts and Rex Welshon will represent the C & R Committee. This committee will address what can be done for those students admitted to the University without skills needed to avoid suspension, etc.

  
Thomas Christensen, Chair of C&R

  
Thomas Wynn, Associate Dean of LAS

**AGENDA**  
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**March 10, 1998**  
**8:00 am - CH 2025A**

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