

MINUTES: CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting of January 19, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: Professors Hoerner, Morley, Tierson, Welshon, and
Captain Kettenring.

FACULTY PRESENT: Professor Coakley.

EX-OFFICIO: Rice-Jones and Stanbrough.

A. MINUTES: Approved the Minutes of the December 8, 1992, meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS: None.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommended approval of the following new course:

S L 220 - Introduction to Fitness Management (3 hrs)

2. Recommended approval of the request to change the course number
of MUS 185 to MUS 100.

3. Tabled the request from the history department faculty to change
their area requirements list by dropping

HIST 102 - West Civ: Medieval Reform, and

HIST 154 - Hist of the U.S.: 1918 to Present
and adding

HIST 140 - Latin American Hist. to 1810, and

HIST 141 - Latin American Hist. since 1810.

Committee members voted to table this request for the following
reasons:

a. Concern about elimination of the more "traditional" courses
and a desire to discuss this with the Chair of the
department who was unable to attend today's meeting.

b. The potential for change in the area requirements criteria.

D. DISCUSSION OF THE AREA REQUIREMENTS CRITERIA (Revised Proposal)

The committee members reviewed and discussed the comments sent by Tom Christensen (memo attached) as well as their individual thoughts. Based on the discussion, the committee would like the Dean to consider the following concerns:

1. Will there be financial resources available to make it work? (Example: Hiring graders for large classes that must require "significant" writing.)
2. Since negative student evaluations seem to correlate with the amount of work required for a course, and since these proposed criteria have the potential for increasing course requirements, is there some way the implementation of the criteria can be tied to performance evaluation in a positive manner to balance the student responses?
3. How can implementation of the criteria be enforced? That is, even though a professor indicates on the check sheet that certain criteria are being met, is there any way to be sure?

The committee members felt suggestion number 2 that Tom made on page 2 of his memo under "Meanings of criteria" was valid and should be given serious consideration.



(Dean's approval)