

MINUTES: CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting of February 9, 1993

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

FACULTY PRESENT: Professors Leon, Miller, and Wurtele.

EX-OFFICIO: Dean Null, Rice-Jones and Stanbrough.

A. MINUTES: Did not act on the minutes of the January 19, 1993, meeting.

B. OLD BUSINESS:

Recommended approval of the request from the Department of History to change it's list of courses satisfying the social science area requirement by deleting HIST 102 and 154 and adding HIST 140 and 141.

It is understood that these courses will be subject to re-evaluation (along with all other current area requirements courses) upon faculty adoption of new area requirements criteria.

C. NEW BUSINESS:

1. Recommended approval of the following new courses with a limit of 6 semester hours that can be applied to the degree, whether taken in a single department or across departments:

GES 366 - Community Service: Theory and Practice
ID 366 - Community Service: Theory and Practice
PSY 366 - Community Service: Theory and Practice

2. Recommended approval of WMST 455, Feminism, Sexuality & Culture, which will be cross-listed with PHIL 455.

Reaffirmed approval of WMST 101, Introduction to Women's Studies, which will be cross-listed with SOC 225, and will also be added to the social science area requirements list.

3. Tabled the following:

FCS 101 - Selected Topics in Strategic Languages I
FCS 102 - Selected Topics in Strategic Languages II
FCS 211 - Selected Topics in Strategic Languages III

The committee members were reluctant to use FCS to identify these courses and encouraged use of a department code more suited to the "language" aspect of the course. In addition, they felt it important to verify that CCHE guidelines will not be violated.

FCS 320 - Japanese Culture and Civilization
FCS 321 (322) - European Culture and Civilization

The committee members felt there may be other departments that wish to be included in designing and teaching culture studies courses and wanted to give other faculty an opportunity to either become involved in the above courses or to decline involvement. Therefore, the Committee requested that you take this issue to the next meeting of Department Chairs for discussion.

COMM490 - Special Topics in Communication

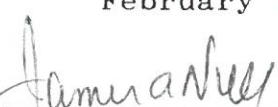
Due to the lengthy agenda and the fact that the course outline for COMM 490 was not submitted by the stated deadline for items to be included on the agenda, the Committee chose to table this course for consideration at the next meeting.

D. DISCUSSION WITH THE DEAN (Area Requirements Criteria Proposal)

The Dean responded to items of concern that were identified in the last Curriculum and Requirements meeting such as class size, the meaning of the term "significant", the communication requirement as it relates to science classes, implementation of the criteria and enforcement. He stressed that the Committee is not expected to be enforcers--the assumption will be that content, methodologies, and student assignments will be the same as those identified in the Course Proposal (the same assumption by which the Committee currently operates).

It was suggested that the committee members meet to consider revision of the course proposal form so that it provides information and guidelines to faculty that relate directly to the area requirements criteria when/where appropriate.

The members of the C & R committee will meet on Tuesday morning, February 16 at 8:00 a.m. in Cragmor Hall 113 to begin this process.


(Dean's Approval)

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Meeting of February 16, 1993

MEMBERS PRESENT: Professors Christensen, Eberhart, Hoerner, Morley, Tierson, and Welshon.

EX-OFFICIO: Stanbrough.

A. OLD BUSINESS:

COMM ⁴⁹⁰940 - Special Topics in Communication (Tabled at last meeting).
Recommended approval for this course.

B. AREA REQUIREMENTS PROPOSAL:

The main purpose of this meeting was to work on the area requirements proposal that will be presented to the faculty--specifically revising the course outline form to make it compatible with the area requirements criteria.

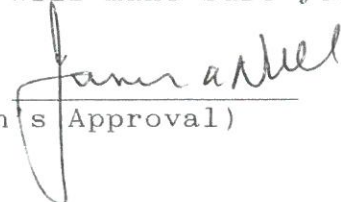
After much discussion, the committee members decided not to revise the course outline form at this time since the new criteria relate only to those courses being proposed for area requirements lists, which is a very small percentage of the number of courses presented to the committee each year.

The members then discussed creating an addendum page for use with area requirements courses, but decided to focus on writing a cover letter that would specify the reasons for establishment of the area requirements criteria as well as an explanation of each.

Once again, a lot of discussion concerned the natural science requirements as they related to the communication areas of reading, writing, and speaking. One proposal was to add "problem solving" as a fourth area under communication but was finally rejected. Another idea was to provide flexibility so that natural science courses would only need to meet one of the 3 areas under communication. However, some committee members then felt that would be unfair to social science or humanities courses that enroll large numbers.

Finally, the committee decided to toss it out to the faculty at the time the proposal is made, let them wrestle with it and, hopefully, make a decision.

Don Morley will be writing the cover letter. One or the other of us will make sure you get a copy.


(Dean's Approval)