

MINUTES: CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting of December 14, 1993

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

FACULTY PRESENT: Professors Coakley, Mack, and Miller.

EX-OFFICIO: Stanbrough.

A. APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR NOVEMBER MEETING

B. OLD BUSINESS

Recommended approval of:

GER 345/FCS 345 - German and Austrian Film

Recommended disapproval of:

I D 371/FCS 371 - Great European Directors of Post WW II Cinema

Recommendation based on the following:

1. The course description indicates the course is a study of mixed-media art form - cinema. However, nothing in the course proposal, either verbally or in written form, supported any study of "mixed-media" art.
2. Item #10 of the course outline indicates the intent to help students develop their senses and abilities to think critically. Again, neither written material nor Dr. Soifer's answers to questions indicated how the content of the course would promote development of those attributes.
3. The committee felt that there was no demonstration of a well-thought-out plan of how the course would address issues of film theory or culture studies--both central to the proposed intent of the course.
4. In summary, academic issues of theory and methodology, which should be included in any course proposal were lacking.

The committee recommends this proposal as a possible film series which would allow a greater number of students to participate and at the same time allow Dr. Soifer the opportunity to present the vast amount of information he has accumulated related to European directors. Perhaps he could apply for special funding to help with the personal expenses involved in accumulating the films and supplementary information.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Recommended approval of the following courses:

GES 325 - The Geography of Climate Change  
S L 450/550 - Dimensions of Athletic Administration

Recommended disapproval of ID 380 - Special Topics.

It was the opinion of the committee that a special topics course for the area of Interdepartmental Studies is not appropriate at this time. Since the special topics course was proposed basically for a course on nuclear issues that is being prepared for the summer semester, it was recommended that the course be approved with the same course number but with the specific title of "Nuclear Issues."

Consequently, tentative approval was recommended for ID 380 - Nuclear Issues based on information provided by Tom Christensen, Jim Eberhart, and Mary Mack who are all involved in its development and will also be involved as instructors. A new course proposal form was sent to Barbara Gaddis who will provide the necessary information and appropriate signatures. As soon as the form is completed, it will be sent to each committee member for appraisal and statements of concerns, if any. Ultimately, it will then be submitted to the Dean for final approval.

D. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Not addressed at this meeting due to lack of time.
2. Area Requirements:

Forrest Tierson brought completed evaluation forms for ANTH area requirement courses for committee members to review to determine the questions that might arise as the process begins to unfold.

The time line established for completion of area requirement course evaluations is the May meeting, 1994, so that all changes can be implemented no later than the catalog year 1995-96.

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(Dean's Approval)

NEXT MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR FEBRUARY 8, 1994. PLEASE HAVE AGENDA ITEMS TO JO STANBROUGH BY FEBRUARY 1.