

CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting of December 20, 1979

Members present: Professors Broce, Durham, Grogger, Westkott, Wunderli

Ex officio: Birkeland, Johnson, Schultz

I. OLD BUSINESS

The minutes for the meeting of December 10 and December 17, 1979 were approved as amended.

II. OLD BUSINESS (continued)

- A. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. to continue the discussion and to determine the recommendations to be submitted to the Dean of LAS on the Foreign Language Requirement Reimplementation Plan.
- B. Dr. Durham presented additional data, followed by an explanation and discussion on the impact of the language requirement on the student flow during a 4 year college program.
- C. During the progress of the discussion, the following major points arose and were unanimously agreed upon by all C & R members. The major points that would be submitted to the Dean of LAS as follows:
 1. Staffing for the Language requirement will include:
 - a. number of sections required
 - b. figures based on no-growth
 - c. the student flow during a four (4) year program of study
 2. The testing of all incoming students in LAS, either freshmen, or transfer, for waivering the language requirement and all its ramifications.
- D. The committee further agreed that their recommendations would only address the impact of the Language Requirements on the Department of Letters, Arts and Science and no other issues at this time.
- E. The Chairperson of the C & R Committee Dr. Marcia Westkott would prepare the recommendations of the C & R Committee and submit them to Dean Null, the Dean of LAS as soon as possible.
- F. Next meeting time - February 4, 1980 at 11:30 a m. to Room 227, Main Hall.

Respectively submitted,


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Meeting of December 17, 1979

Members present: Professors Broce, Durham, Grogger, Westkott and Wunderli

Ex Officio: Birkeland, Frick, Schultz

Faculty present: Professors Ines Blackburn, Fernandez and McKay

1. The meeting was called to order at 11:30 a.m. to continue the discussion of the Foreign Language Requirement Reimplementation Plan.
2. Chairperson Marcia Westkott presented a summary of the major comments which LAS Department Heads had submitted to the C & R Committee as their positions on the Language Plan.
3. Professor Fernandez and his faculty members submitted additional data on projected classes and the budget that would be required to support the Language Plan for two (2) academic years.
4. The Language faculty was requested to respond to a question raised by Professor Durham on the impact of the number of foreign language sections that would be required to support the language requirement after the first two years.
5. The meeting terminated at 1255 hours without any conclusions drawn or decisions made. The C & R Committee agreed to ~~adjourn~~ and continue the discussion on December 20, 1979 at 11:30 a.m. in Main Hall, Room 227.

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Meeting of December 10, 1979

Members present: Professors Broce, Durham, Grogger, Westkott, Wunderli

Ex Officio: Birkeland, Frick, Johnson, Schultz, Suits

Faculty present: Drs. Jones, Larkin, Fernandez, McKay and Enes Blackburn

I. OLD BUSINESS

A. The minutes for the meeting of November 19, 1979 were approved.

II. NEW BUSINESS

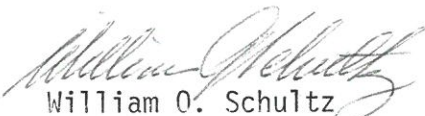
A. New courses: GES 298 - Approved
GES 498 - Approved

B. Letter PES - Proposed Curriculum for B.S. degree in Physics - Approved

The chairperson of the C & R Committee, Dr. Marcia Westkott will prepare a letter of the proposed Program Curriculum for the B. S. Degree in Physics which was approved. This letter will be forwarded to the Dean of LAS for further action and disposition.

C. The Foreign Language Requirement Reimplementation Plan was introduced and partially discussed. Due to the nature of the questions that were raised and the pro's and con's of each response so varied, no conclusions were finalized at this time. Since the Language Plan is quite lengthy the meeting was ~~adjourned~~ ^{RESSESSED} at 1:00 p.m., to be continued on December 17, 1979 at 11:30 a.m. in Main Hall, Room 227.

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TO: James A. Null, Dean, LAS
FROM: Marcia Westkott, ^{MW}Chair, Curriculum and Requirements Committee
SUBJECT: Foreign Language Requirement Reimplementation Plan
DATE: January 15, 1980

The Curriculum and Requirements Committee met on December 10, 17 and 20 to review the plan submitted by the foreign language faculty for the implementation of the foreign language requirement (see attachment "Plan"). Foreign language faculty Blackburn, Fernandez, and McKay were in attendance on December 10 to answer Committee members' questions concerning the Plan itself, and on December 17 to respond to concerns submitted by LAS department chairpersons (see attached responses and summary in December 17 memorandum from Westkott to C & R Committee).

The Committee's purpose was to review the Plan that the foreign language faculty submitted to it. It did not address the question as to whether or not the idea of a foreign language requirement was desirable, as the faculty as a whole had previously voted on this question. It, therefore, focused on the academic and practical implications of implementing the particular plan that the foreign language faculty submitted.

The Curriculum and Requirements Committee found the "Foreign Language Requirement Implementation Plan" unacceptable for the following reasons:

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Memorandum to

James A. Null, Dean

January 15, 1980

The foreign language faculty would have insufficient staff to offer the necessary courses to implement the proposed foreign language requirement. This was the Committee's most serious concern. After painstaking consideration of the proposed course offerings, the Committee concluded that the Plan was unrealistic because it underestimated the number of sections that would be necessary to implement the language requirement throughout the College. This insufficiency would exist even if the College experienced no increase in enrollments; an insufficiency that would, of course, be exacerbated by any enrollment increase. Furthermore, the insufficiency would exist even under the most ideal conditions whereby all students who would need to take foreign language courses would take those courses in uninterrupted sequence. Again, the problem of staffing would be aggravated by the likely situation of students' spreading out taking requested foreign language courses over the entire period of their matriculation.

The insufficient number of sections would result in overcrowding of classes, which would seriously undermine the quality of the program. To address the problem of insufficient staff, two more foreign language faculty above and beyond the full-time position requested in the proposal, would have to be hired. This concentration of new staffing would be unrealistic, especially given the concerns over resources raised by other departments.

In addition, the Committee concluded that the issues of reimplementing a foreign language requirement should be considered in the context of proposed changes in the College as a whole, and should, therefore, be referred to the Ad Hoc Committee on Curriculum and Goals (see attached memorandum from J. Beyer, Chair).

And finally, the Committee was concerned that the issue of testing had not been fully enough explored or documented to warrant the implementation of a testing procedure.

attachments

MW/pas

cc: C & R Committee

Assistant Dean Birkeland

Foreign Language Faculty