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UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO

College of Arts and Sciences
Committee on Courses
Minutes

The Committee on Courses met on Thursday, December 4, 1969, at 3:10 p.m. in UMC 158A.

Members present: Dean Briggs, Dean Malville; Professors Blomster, Criley, Cross, Dickinson, Downey, Green, Harvey, Kinneavy, Scarritt.

Non-members present: John Finnell, Chris McClanahan, Pat Stimer, Vivian Johnson, Dorothy Greenman, Daily Representative

General Discussion

Dean Briggs opened the meeting with a report that Dean Wahlstrom and Vice-President Manning had considered the Committee's suggestion that possibly credit could be given out of their offices for the EOP skills seminars and had ruled that such action would be "inappropriate" coming from their offices. The matter, then, was referred back to the Committee on Courses for further disposition.

Dean Briggs pointed out that there are a number of such non-departmental type courses and programs in the offing (e.g. EOP skills seminars, Academic Clearinghouse proposal, Environmental Problems, etc.) which perhaps the Committee ought to think about disposing of in some general fashion.

It was pointed out that in each case, the faculty involved in such programs are not recompensed either in their teaching load or in salary; the programs depend on volunteer service and interest among faculty and students. Most members of the Committee seemed to feel that this certainly is not an ideal situation, but perhaps temporarily acceptable.

Dean Briggs mentioned that there is some money in the Request Budget to cover some of the instructional expense involved.

Referring specifically to the Clearinghouse proposal, Professor Scarritt expressed concern that tight control must be maintained on these non-departmental offerings. Mr. Finnell pointed out that in the Clearinghouse proposal it is suggested that each course comes under review each semester by an advisory board composed of both faculty and students.

Dean Malville suggested that a Program of Experimental Studies might very well house such courses, the program based on the specific concept of experimentation and innovation in education. The principle would establish the criteria for course approval.

Professor Criley pointed out that such a program might not only allow students some involvement in the curriculum but also stimulate innovation within departmental curriculum and among faculty.

Specific Proposals

I. EOP Skills Seminar

Mr. Kinneavy moved that in the absence of any apparent continued commitment to the Educational Opportunity Programs by those who initially instituted them, the College of Arts and Sciences authorize the Records Office to issue up to 1 hour of credit for each skills seminar. Seconded by Mr. Cross and Passed.

II. Experimental Studies Program

Mr. Harvey moved the establishment in principle of an Experimental Studies Program, the machinery of administering this program to be worked out by a Committee appointed by the Dean. Until that time, the Committee on Courses will take responsibility for the approving of courses within the program. Seconded by Mr. Green and Passed.

III. Introduction to Environmental Problems.

This will be the first course in the newly established Program (II above).

Professor Harvey moved approval of the course "Experimental Studies 300, Introduction to Environmental Program, 2 credit hours." Seconded by Mr. Criley and Passed.

IV. Dean Briggs appointed Dean Malville and Mr. Stimer and Mr. Finnell as a subcommittee to draft a formal proposal for the establishment of an advisory board to administer the Experimental Studies Program.

V. Miss Greenman inquired about Museology courses and how they apply towards majors in the College. Dean Briggs suggested that a major department may recommend Museology courses to be counted within the major; otherwise, they will be general elective hours in Arts and Sciences.

The Meeting adjourned ca. 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gerald B. Kinneavy