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COLLEGE OF ARTS AND SCIENCES

Committee on Courses

Minutes of the meeting held in UMC 230 at 2:30 p.m. on Friday,
March 27, 1970.

Members present: Deans Briggs, Carnes, Sawin, Malville; Professors
Blomster, Criley, Cross, Downey, Green, Harvey,
Kinneavy and Scarritt.

1. Residential College Proposal

Professors Franklin and Rosenthal spoke in general terms about the proposal which the Committee presented to the Committee on Courses and responded to a number of questions about the proposal. Professor Harvey inquired as to the "experimental" nature of the College--that is, was it envisioned that eventually the plan would apply to the whole of Arts and Sciences? Dean Carnes suggested that the RC is in effect a pilot for a larger number of residential colleges or for some smaller subdivisions within the College. Professor Blomster inquired as to whether there is a clear desire for dormitory living among students. Professor Franklin agreed that probably there is not; but that the RC proposal would involve only freshmen and sophomores at first, and then only some 150 of them. It was further pointed out that the proposal as presented clearly stipulates that the establishment of the RC be abandoned if there is not clear commitment from the University in terms of both faculty and budget.

Mr. Scarritt moved that the Committee on Courses join with the Ad Hoc Committee on the Residential College in recommending that the College faculty support the creation of a Residential College, subject to adequate budgetary resources. The motion was seconded and passed.

2. Reconsideration of Department of Linguistics request of February 13.

Professor Luigi Romeo was present to explain more fully the Department's rationale in requesting that Linguistics 300 and 491 be approved as applicable towards the Social Science requirement in the College. After some clarification Professor Blomster moved that the Committee's action of February 13, 1970 be reversed to approve the request. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. College List

Dean Carnes presented a series of changes requested by various departments:

- a) The Department of Oriental Languages and Literatures requests that their literature courses "in translation" be included

separately in The College List as fulfilling the Humanities requirement.

The Committee maintained that the phrasing of the present College List under "Foreign Languages" is clear enough to include such courses.

- b) English requests that The College List specify courses which will not fulfill the Humanities requirement, since the large majority of courses in that Department will apply toward the requirement.

The Committee directed Dean Carnes to clarify the phrasing with the Department.

- c) Geography 430-431 presently appears under both the Natural and Social Science listings.
- d) Physical Science 300 "Evolution of Scientific Theory" to apply toward Natural Science requirement.

The Committee moved that this course not appear on The College List.

- e) Social Science 311-312 "Structuring and Teaching of the Social Sciences"

The Committee instructed the subcommittee to deal with this course's applicability toward the College requirements when it approves the course outline.

- f) Physical Science 101-102 and 201-202:

The Committee approved any combination of first and second semesters as partially fulfilling Natural Science requirement.

- g) Psychology

- 1) For the Centers, the Committee on Courses has approved the use of psychology to fulfill various requirements in the College. That approval will stand.
- 2) After some discussion regarding Psychology's revised curriculum as applicable toward College requirements, the Committee referred the matter to the Department for clarification.

4. Sewall Hall Experiment

The Committee approved "Undergraduate Seminars, 198-199" in each department for the academic year, 1970-1971.

5. Black Studies Program

Dean Briggs made a report of what has happened this year with the Black Studies Program. Generally it is seen as a success. Not all the desires of the students have been met, but a good portion of them have. Professor Nilon was present and answered a number of further questions about the program and its plans for the coming year.

Dean Briggs presented course outlines for new courses in the Program--all of which were approved.

- Black Studies 203-204, Behavior Analysis I and II
- Black Studies 220-221, Black Social Movements and
Social Change I and II
- Black Studies 232-233, Survey of Afro-American Literature
I and II
- Black Studies 250-251, Capitalism and Slavery I and II
- Black Studies 280-281, Afro-American Music: History and
Appreciation I and II

6. Peace Corps Training Program and General Elective Credit

Dean Carnes explained that presently such special training is transferred into the University as "general elective credit" without any departmental classification. The question: if a department specifically recommends departmental credit toward specific requirements, may it so apply?

The meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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