

**Curriculum Committee Minutes
April 30, 1998**

Present: Barnett, Bruce, Cannon, R. Fields, Hooper, Fikes, Goleeke, Lupher, Mehlhaff, Neshyba, Proehl, Bartanen, Morgan, Washburn

Absent: Kline (Chair), Ralls

As Acting Chair, Mehlhaff called the meeting to order at 1:06 p.m.

Minutes. **Fields M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 23 April 1998 as amended to show the original phrasing of the tabled motion (16 April) regarding the departmental curriculum self-study document: "That the revised document be in effect for all department-review reports submitted in the 1998-99 year and beyond."** Note: The altered phrasing in the minutes does not affect the exception approved on 23 April

Subcommittees:

HUMANISTIC PERSPECTIVE. Lupher reported on the subcommittee's consideration of Philosophy 107 - Making Choices about the Environment: A Freshman Seminar, proposed by Heather Douglas, an incoming tenure-line faculty member. Lupher represented the course as essentially an introduction to philosophy with added exploration of environmental issues and said that the subcommittee is supportive of the proposal, although the proposal is not yet a full representation of the course. In response to an inquiry about enrollment, Bartanen stated that as a freshman seminar the course would have an ENL of 17.

ACTION: Lupher M/S/P approval for 1998-99 in the Humanistic Perspective core of Philosophy 107 - Making Choices about the Environment: A Freshman Seminar, with ongoing approval upon submission of the full syllabus to the Curriculum Committee by February 1999.

COMPARATIVE VALUES. Hooper reported on the subcommittee's consideration of History 334 - Cross-Cultural Encounters: Europe and the World, 1492 to 1800, proposed by Alix Cooper, an incoming tenure-line faculty member. Hooper commended the proposal as "well fleshed out," with specific attention to the core guidelines.

ACTION: Hooper M/S/P approval of History 334 - Cross-Cultural Encounters: Europe and the World, 1492 to 1800 for Comparative Values core status.

Hooper also reported on the consideration of Philosophy 390 - Feminism and Philosophy, a course newly proposed by the department and Heather Douglas but similar to a Philosophy course (CV core) previously taught by visiting faculty and not currently in the catalogue. Hooper explained the layout of the course and declared that it "looks like an excellent course."

ACTION: Hooper M/S/P approval of Philosophy 390 - Feminism and Philosophy for Comparative Values core status.

HISTORICAL PERSPECTIVE. Fields reported on the subcommittee's consideration of History 215 - Environmental History in Global Perspective, proposed by Alix Cooper, and explained the content of the course; Fields said that the proposal well addresses the core guidelines and that it "has got the basic concept of the course very clearly outlined." The course will use no one text but "a whole body" of materials in the form of selections in a course reader.

ACTION: Fields M/S/P acceptance of History 215 - Environmental History in Global Perspective for the Historical Perspective core.

SPECIAL INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR (SIM). For the subcommittee (chaired by Kline) Bartanen distributed copies of the latest document in the proposal and explained that the original version of the proposal came to the Curriculum Committee by the stated deadline; subcommittee deliberations and interaction with the faculty committee and the student have delayed the subcommittee's presentation to the committee until now. The subcommittee recommends approval with two qualifications to be put in writing to the student: (1) Six of the courses in the student's 27 April 1998 list of twelve course must be at the 300/400 level, and (2) the student must insure that her SIM faculty committee will serve as the faculty committee for her SIM 490 - Senior Project.

ACTION: Bartanen, on behalf of Kline, M/S/P approval of the proposal for a SIM in the "Western Tradition of Art and Music" for Britten Snider. Note: Please see the two qualifications indicated above.

In discussion Goleeke asked if any courses particularly bring together the two parts of the study (art and music); Fields (who, along with Ili Nagy and Geoff Block, is a member of the student's faculty committee) explained that SIM 490 would function to bring the parts together. Bruce recalled the inaugural SIM, approved last year, and asked about this proposal in comparative terms; Bartanen went over the documents submitted by Snider.

With thanks to the committee Mehlhaff prompted the committee toward adjournment, and the committee expressed thanks to Washburn for arranging refreshments at this last meeting of the year. Goleeke M/S/P to adjourn, and the meeting ended at 1:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne W. Barnett
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