

**Curriculum Committee Minutes
November 26, 1997**

Present: Barnett, Bruce, Fikes, Goleeke, Lupher, Mehlhaff (Acting Chair), Proehl, Bartanen, Washburn
Absent: R. Fields, Hooper, Kline (Chair), Ralls, Morgan
Visitor: Yuko Tanaka

At 4:04 p.m. Mehlhaff, appointed by Kline as Acting Chair, called the meeting to order.

Minutes. **Barnett M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 11 November 1997 with adjustments as follows to the record of the report of the Science in Context Subcommittee:**

1. The title of the course is "The Idea of Archeology."
2. In paragraph two, in the opening sentence, the altered words "but the subcommittee had discussed reservations, some of which had been outlined by Mott Greene" should appear after the word "proposal."
3. The paragraph before the motion should add the expectation that "the third assignment should not be optional."

Subcommittees:

FINE ARTS. Goleeke reported that the subcommittee discussed the three-year renewal of CTA 270 - The London Stage, a core course in the ILACA London Program.

ACTION: Goleeke M/S/P approval of CTA 270 - The London Stage for the Fine Arts core as a renewal for three years.

Bartanen explained that the three-year renewal is standard procedure for a study-abroad course in the core.

SCIENCE IN CONTEXT. Fikes reported that the subcommittee met again after the Curriculum Committee meeting of 11 November to discuss the proposed course SCXT 305 - The Idea of Archeology and recommends approval for the core. The subcommittee discussed how the course meets the goals of the core rubric and ways in which the course differs from the accompanying Summer Session course, Religion 352 - Archeology Abroad: Field Methods and Approaches. The subcommittee studied the two syllabi and affirms that they are clearly two different courses. Although the SCXT 305 is not team taught, the subcommittee believes the course will meet the "spirit" of the core rubric with regard to interdisciplinarity.

ACTION: Fikes M/S/P approval of SCXT 305 - The Idea of Archeology for the Science in Context core. (The motion passed with one "nay" vote.)

Discussion included concerns about whether the course should have provisional approval, but Fikes said that the subcommittee recommends evaluation of the course by the instructor and perhaps in communication with the Science in Context Advisory Committee. Goleeke expressed the view that the course is a "terrific opportunity" for students. Mehlhaff noted that approval of the course extends the "open door" approach to the interpretation of "science" introduced by the Curriculum Committee last year.

SOCIETY. Bartanen reported for Morgan, chair of the subcommittee, who was absent because of Spring pre-registration; Morgan sent a handout summarizing the subcommittee's deliberation and recommendation of approval of Environmental Studies 110 - Environment and Society for Society core status. Proposers of the course are Karin Sable and Michael Valentine; Sable will teach the course in Spring 1999. The proposed course will replace the current ENVR 110 - Introduction to Environmental Studies: Apples, Fish, and Trees. The subcommittee found the proposal

impressive and commends the course as part of the Environmental Studies program and as an appealing option in the Society core.

ACTION: Bartanen M/S/P approval of ENVR 110 - Environment and Society for the Society core.

Added agenda item: Department of Physical Education. Bartanen reported that Roberta Wilson requests action by the committee to follow up the committee's approval on 11 November 1997 of the department's proposal to remove the BA major in Physical Education. The removal of the BA major requires removal also of its "attachments"-- the BA minor, the Coaching Option, the Teaching Endorsement K-12 Option, and the Health Education Option. The department wishes to remove these items from the next *Bulletin* and in the *Bulletin* to affirm the change; the department will be working out a new minor. Bruce recalled the committee's decision at the previous meeting and the assumption that these things (the BA major attachments), which link the Physical Education and Education programs, would stay in place. Mehlhaff expressed concern about closing down the current options. Committee members recalled the principle that departments should consult other departments when a departmental curricular change has an impact on the program of another department. **Bartanen M/S to drop the minor in PE and the accompanying "special programs" (Coaching Option, K-12 Option, and Health Education Option).** In discussion Bruce asked if the committee could allow time for both PE and Education to study the implications of this change. Bartanen called attention to the extended transition from the old Business program to the new. **Proehl M/S/P to table the motion and ask for consultation between Physical Education and Education because of some concerns.**

Meeting time, Spring semester. The committee began to discuss the matter of when to meet in the Spring term and will continue discussion at the next meeting.

The committee adjourned at just about 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne W. Barnett
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