

Curriculum Committee Minutes November 20, 1996

Present: K. Bartanen, H. Bruce, R. Fields, T. Fikes, K. Hooper, C. Kline, D. Luper, C. Mehlhaff, M. Morgan, G. Proehl, G. Tomlin, M. Valentine, and C. Washburn

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 by chair, George Tomlin

The minutes of the October 3, 1996 were approved as posted on the web.

George Tomlin asked whether any members other than he had been having trouble accessing minutes on the web? Other than the overuse of the server during registration no one experienced any problems.

Carrie Washburn announced that Pat Tobin's position had now been filled and that our Spring 97 meeting time would be Friday at 1:00.

Tom Fikes, chair of the fine arts core subcommittee, reported on the evaluation of the Art History class offering in the Dijon program. The subcommittee had come up with three possible actions:

1. Recommend to the registrar to allow the class to satisfy the fine arts core for the two students that had taken the class last spring,
2. Recommend to the registrar that the class routinely satisfy the fine arts core, or
3. Accept the course proposal by Michel Rocchi as French 277 for the Dijon course as a fine arts core class and place the course into the bulletin.

The subcommittee recommended against all three proposals. The subcommittee felt that the syllabus as presented did not meet the breadth and depth requirement of the core, the class does not meet the registrar's requirements for transfer credit, nor should only one course from the Dijon program be listed in our catalogue.

M/S/P To withhold approval to the registrar for the Dijon class satisfying the fine arts core requirement for the two students that took the class in Spring 1996.

M/S/P To withhold approval to the registrar for the Dijon class routinely satisfying the fine arts core requirement.

M/S/P To not accept French 277 as a course proposal (nor satisfying the fine arts core requirement).

Ron Fields, chair of the Interdisciplinary Major subcommittee, reported on the proposal from Brad Johnson (a student) for an Interdisciplinary Major in Environmental Policy. Mike Veseth has acted as the faculty sponsor and helped develop the curriculum that had been approved by four faculty on the student's committee. Ron pointed out that the Faculty Bylaws, Article V, section 6 B, b 5 authorized the curriculum committee "To review plans for study for interdisciplinary majors not under an established program".

It was pointed out by several members that the interdisciplinary major was last offered seven years ago and that it no longer was in an applicable UPS bulletin. Members of the subcommittee pointed out that the selected course of study proposed by the student was well researched and was a very credible program.

M/S/ Tabled To accept the recommended course of study for Brad Johnson for an Interdisciplinary Major in Environmental Policy

Meeting adjourned at 9:05
Respectfully submitted,
Curtis Mehlhaff

