

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

10 October 1995 (Tuesday)

Misner Room

Present: Barnett, Bartanen, Clifford, Cousens, R. Fields, Jackson, Kerrick, Kline, Matthews, Merz (Chair), Orloff, Neshyba, Paris, Rao, Tomlin, Valentine, Washburn

Absent: Magnus, Morgan

Merz began the meeting at 8:03 a.m.

Minutes: The committee M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 19 September 1995. (NOTE: The committee did not need to meet on 26 September and 3 October 1995.)

Announcements. Merz welcomed Ron Fields and Navin Rao '96 to the committee.

Subcommittee assignments. Merz and Washburn distributed the revised list of subcommittee assignments, which now include two new subcommittees to complete business remaining from last year:

Historical Perspective (one remaining course): Clifford (Chair), Fields, Bartanen

Education (two remaining parts of the review): Cousens, Fields (Chair), Orloff, Washburn

The following subcommittees have new membership in order to accommodate new members of the committee:

Classics: Fields, Magnus (Chair), Neshyba, Bartanen

Mathematics and Computer Science: Barnett (Chair), Clifford, Neshyba, Paris, Bartanen

Politics and Government: Cousens (Chair), Fields, Matthews, Bartanen

Physics; also Engineering, Dual Degree Program: Jackson, Tomlin (Chair), Valentine, Paris, Bartanen

Remaining core courses:

Fine Arts: Fields, Tomlin (Chair), Valentine, Bartanen

Communication II-A: Kerrick (Chair), Orloff, Washburn

Academic calendar. Washburn stated the need for the "annual establishment" of the academic calendar in response to the mandate of the Faculty Senate and distributed copies of the "basic calendar" for four years hence (1999-2000) and the "expanded calendar" for 1996-97.

ACTION Tomlin M/S/P approval of the basic calendar for 1999-2000 and the full calendar for 1996-97.

In discussion Barnett raised the question of how long we can postpone reconsideration of the length of the Thanksgiving break because so many students come from distant locations requiring more time for travel. Clifford and Orloff recalled discussion last year about altering the Fall Break Day and the committee's conclusion that alternatives would not work.

Washburn explained that the calendars now approved will go to the Faculty Senate for confirmation of the committee's action.

Subcommittee reports. Merz explained previously established procedures regarding reports by subcommittees: Interim reports are welcome, as are requests as possible for the approval of portions of proposals.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES. Bartanen reported that this is a proposal for a minor and that the subcommittee has sent some queries to the proposers (Don Share and John Lear) with reference to the sequence and availability of course offerings leading to a student's timely accomplishment of the minor. Neshyba and others stated that the subcommittee discussed the prospect of the proposed minor as a means of attracting more Latin American students to the University; inquiry of George Mills, Vice President for Enrollment, elicited his estimate that the minor would be a positive factor in recruitment generally for all students.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. Valentine reported that the review is proceeding "relatively smoothly" and commended the OT faculty for doing a "tremendous job in documenting changes in the curriculum."

PHYSICAL THERAPY. Orloff reported that the subcommittee has issued some questions of clarification of curricular changes and is awaiting a syllabus and more information. The review is proceeding, however, with consideration of basic courses.

FINE ARTS (REMAINING COURSE). Tomlin reported that the subcommittee is reviewing one course left over from the review of the Fine Arts core category last year, English 267 - Form and Perspective: Literature as Art. At issue is whether the catalogue description is broad enough to cover offerings by different instructors with differing subject content, including film screenplays. The subcommittee has suggested that the Class Schedule on each occasion list the specified genre in the "Remarks" column.

Faculty Senate charges to the committee. These charges include the following:

1. Review two core categories: Communication I (written) and II-a (oral) and scheduled departmental reviews.
2. Complete review of Business School curriculum and two core courses.
3. Review Departmental Review document.
4. Review proposal for an African-American Studies Program.

Items #2 and #4 are on schedule.

Discussion concentrated on the review of Communication I and the Departmental Review document. *Departmental Review document:* Tomlin and others pointed out that this matter has come up in the governance review conducted by the Faculty Senate. *Communication I:* Barnett called attention to the current review of English 101 by the Department of English, and Clifford recalled the committee's postponement of dealing with Communication I because it overlaps with the consideration of English 101 and also of a possible new freshman course. Clifford urged early attention to Communication I. Informally the committee agreed that Merz should confer with Senate officers about charges #1 and #3; Cousens will confer with the English faculty reviewing English 101 in order to coordinate efforts. Merz will appoint subcommittees for #1 and #3.

With the reminder that quinquennial departmental reviews are due 15 October, Merz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:44 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 17 OCTOBER 1995, 8:00 A.M., MISNER ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne W. Barnett
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