

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

7 November 1995 (Tuesday)

Misner Room

Present: Barnett, Bartanen, Clifford, Cousens, Jackson, Kerrick, Magnus, Matthews, Merz (Chair), Neshyba, Orloff, Paris, Tomlin, Young (for Morgan), Washburn

Absent: R. Fields, Kline, Rao, Valentine

Merz began the meeting at 8:03 a.m. and welcomed Nancy L. Young, attending for Morgan.

Minutes. By consensus the committee approved the minutes for the meeting of 31 October 1995.

Subcommittee reports

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES MINOR. Magnus distributed a one-page summary of the proposal and initiated the committee's action, as follows:

ACTION Magnus M/S/P approval of the Latin American Studies minor.

Magnus mentioned the entry-level course Latin American Studies (LAS) 100 as proposed by John Lear (History) and Don Share (Politics and Government), who also are the proposers of the LAS minor; offerings of the course will be annually or every other year. Other courses in the multidisciplinary program are existing courses. Clifford extended the subcommittee's report by commenting on the integrity of the LAS minor proposal. Barnett asked about the language requirement through Spanish 202 or equivalent, which could extend the minor of minimum five units to nine units; subcommittee members and others responded that this should pose no problem -- one of the units for the minor may overlap with a student's major, some of the units for the minor may overlap with the core curriculum, and many students now enter the University with the equivalent of a year or two of Spanish.

In discussion the following topics emerged: With reference to faculty expertise the subcommittee affirmed that the review process addressed that concern; the subcommittee expressed satisfaction with the level of LAS expertise, especially in History and Politics and Government. In response to an inquiry about the administration of the LAS minor, Magnus stated the subcommittee's intention to recommend that Share and Lear shepherd the program; scheduling will take some coordination, thus to avoid offering LAS-minor courses in conflict with each other. On the matter of staffing, Bartanen provided assurance that current personnel can staff the proposed course, LAS 100, and that other courses already are on the books. With reference to prerequisites the subcommittee reported the expectation that LAS 100 will serve as an additional prerequisite option for P&G 370 - Latin America Study Tour and possibly other upper level courses. In response to an inquiry Barnett commented that even in the absence of extensive work in History students with LAS curricular preparation should find History 400D - Research Seminar in Historical Method (Latin America) accessible if they choose it for the "History" category or as an elective. The list under "Social Sciences" should show Economic Growth and Development: Latin America as Economics 381B.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. Reporting for the subcommittee, Cousens initiated the committee's action, as follows:

ACTION Cousens M/S/P approval of Latin American Studies 100 for the International Studies core.

Cousens explained that the course is the proposal of one faculty member from the Department of History and one from the Department of Politics and Government. The course is to be offered at least every other year, possibly every year; it is interdisciplinary, it is proposed as a team-taught

course, and it is to serve as the entry-level requirement for the minor in Latin American Studies. It emphasizes students' written work and also will be an option coordinating with the Latin America Study Tour (P&G 370). Cousens characterized the proposal as clearly written and well designed, stating the subcommittee's finding as "nothing to fault and everything to praise."

BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. Clifford distributed the copies of the "Curricular Overview" and the "Business Curriculum Draft Proposal - Supplementary Materials," including the job announcement for "Director, A Liberal Arts Program in Business." Clifford reminded the committee of the necessity of phasing in the changes in the Business program, as discussed at the committee meeting of 31 October; the issue now under consideration is the overview, and the next phase will be consideration of course syllabi. The committee acted as follows:

ACTION **M/S/P approval of the curricular overview (framework) for a liberal arts program in Business.** (NOTE: This vote included one negative vote and one abstention.)

The outline of the program for general emphasis includes Supporting Courses Economics 101 - Principles of Economics: Micro and Mathematics 271 - The Elements of Applied Statistics (2 units); Nucleus Courses (new) entitled "Theories of Organization and Markets," "Financial Strategies and Controls," and "Environment of Business" (3 units); Intermediate Electives (1 unit from a list of five new courses); Advanced Electives from lists of specified courses (2 units from Business and 2 units from other departments); and the new Senior Integrative Seminar, "Case Analysis and Research" (1 unit). The total number of units is eleven, seven of which are Business courses.

The International Track adds a language competency requirement and a required international experience (credit or non-credit); this track also stipulates that the Senior Integrative Seminar must have an international emphasis.

Clifford called attention to the list of Business courses to be dropped in a phasing-out sequence to accommodate current students during the "Mellon overlap period." The Business Leadership Program will remain in place. Clifford reported that Business faculty members Alva Butcher, John Knutsen, Keith Maxwell, and Bob Waldo met with the subcommittee and expressed enthusiasm for the proposed changes.

Discussion elicited the following concerns, none of which resulted in committee action: The total number of possible units in the International Track (16), whether the major should limit the number of total courses a student may take in Business, and the importance of advising in the selection of a student's elective courses outside Business. The decision on the revised Business major involves more than one academic program, but subcommittee members envision no problems.

Merz declared the meeting adjourned at perhaps 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Suzanne W. Barnett
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