

**Curriculum Committee Minutes  
February 25, 1997**

**Present:** K. Bartanen, H. Bruce, R. Fields (Sec.), T. Fikes, K. Hooper, C. Kline, D. Luper, C. Mehlhaff, M. Morgan, S. Neshyba, G. Proehl, G. Tomlin (Chair), M. Valentine, C. Washburn.

Meeting came to order at 12:01 p.m.; minutes of 1-4-97 were approved as distributed.

**ACTION SCXT 328 - Biology at the Bar: Science in a Legal Context. MSP approval as meeting the Science in Context guidelines.**

SCXT 320 - Stereotypes, Prejudice and Inter-group Relations (A course proposal from C. Weisz and D. Droge). C. Mehlhaff led discussion, stating that a memo had been sent to the proposers, alerting them to the concerns of the subcommittee regarding Science in Context guidelines. In question are (1) guideline specifications that at least one proposer be from the natural sciences, and (2) that 1/3 of the course content be science. After the proposers have had a chance to respond to the subcommittee's concerns, Mehlhaff suggested that the CC may need to re-examine these points, to affirm or interpret.

**ACTION Asian Studies Review. K. Hooper reporting. MSP the review package. There were no recommended changes in the program.**

Physics Review. S. Neshyba reporting. While there no significant changes in the departmental review, the subcommittee had a number of questions for the Physics department for which they await response.

**ACTION CTA 104- The Supreme Court and the Argumentative Context of Social Policy. H. Bruce reporting. MSP (one abstention) accepted as satisfying Communication II, A (Oral) Core.** Discussion followed regarding the thrust of the course as a vehicle for rhetorical studies of Supreme Court opinion.

**ACTION HUM 113 - The Genealogy of Race: Freshman Seminar in Writing. C. Kline reporting. MSP as satisfying the Communication I (Written) Core.** Discussion of this item was largely concerned with distinguishing new Freshman Seminars in Writing from English 101.

**ACTION Chemistry Department review. T. Fikes reporting. CHEM 105 was dropped, but other than that, no major changes were proposed in this review. MSP to approve review.**

**ACTION Environmental Studies Minor. G. Tomlin reporting. MSP approval of this new minor.** The structure of the Environmental Studies minor rests on **ENVR 105- Earth and Environmental Science (Water, Soil, Air & Energy) and ENVR 110-Introduction to Environmental Studies (Apples, Fish & Tree)**. Together, these courses provide the scientific, social, political and economic foci. Three electives from separate disciplines are required from the list of available and suitable courses. At this point, there are no prescriptions for the electives, but inasmuch as this minor is in its initial phase, precise guidelines may follow as course offerings and staffing stabilize. The question was raised as to whether or not electives in the minor might satisfy other major/minor requirements and it was affirmed that they would not. The minor includes a **required senior seminar capstone course, ENVR 400.**

**ACTION          Philosophy Department Review. G. Tomlin reported that the Philosophy Department has requested a postponement of its department review until next year. The motion to delay was MSP.**

In other announcements, G. Proehl reminded the Society subcommittee of its scheduled meeting at 4 p.m. in K. Bartanen's office.

Meeting adjourned at 1:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Ron Fields