

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

12 September 1995 (Tuesday)

Misner Room

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

Merz began the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

Minutes: The committee M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 6 September 1995 with the following correction in the paragraph on "Subcommittees":

CORRECTION The reference to "scheduled core reviews" in designated core areas instead should be to "remaining core courses" in those areas carried over from last year.

Announcements. Merz welcomed Kline and announced that a student has received appointment to the committee; Urruela is no longer on the committee.

Subcommittees. Merz and Washburn distributed a grid indicating subcommittee appointments.

Business and Public Administration: Clifford (Chair), Kerrick, Orloff, Tomlin, Bartanen

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

Geology: Clifford, Jackson (Chair), Kline, Bartanen

Learning Center Courses: Kline, Neshyba, Morgan (Chair), Bartanen

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

Master of Physical Therapy: Kerrick, Matthews, Orloff (Chair), Bartanen

Occupational Therapy: Jackson, Magnus, Valentine (Chair), Bartanen

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

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

Psychology: Kline (Chair), Magnus, Tomlin, Bartanen

Study Abroad: Kerrick, Matthews (Chair), Morgan, Bartanen

Latin American Studies proposal: Clifford, Magnus (Chair), Neshyba, Bartanen

African American Studies proposal: Barnett, Jackson (Chair), Valentine, Bartanen

Remaining core courses:

International Studies: Cousens (Chair), Kline, Bartanen

Humanistic Perspective: Cousens, Matthews (Chair), Bartanen

Fine Arts: Tomlin (Chair), Valentine, Bartanen

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

Procedures: Washburn reported that review materials already are in place for several subcommittees and explained that full notebooks are available in the Associate Deans' Office, with some materials copied for individual distribution. Washburn added that the work of the committee is "paper-intensive" and invited suggestions for minimizing waste. Brief discussion yielded some ideas, but no resolution. In passing, the committee agreed to stay with the newly implemented status quo with reference to the electronic distribution of the minutes and agenda for each week but expressed the need to monitor the system in coming weeks.

Freshman curriculum: Merz reported that the President is meeting with officers of the Faculty Senate and others to set up a campus-wide event to talk about strategic planning for the future of the University, a possible freshman course, and other matters. Bartanen added that the Senate will pursue the possibility of a forum, perhaps a Saturday event; if a part of the day is for consideration of a freshman curriculum, then some veteran members of the Curriculum Committee would lead off discussion, presenting an account of the principles established by the committee last year in its deliberation of a freshman course. (NOTE: The set of models for such a course produced by the 1994-95 committee and submitted to the Faculty Senate at the end of the year is

available on Gopher.) Prompted by Clifford's reminder that the idea of a freshman course came to the committee from the Academic Vice President/Dean, members of the committee recalled that this matter has a broader context that involves discussion in recent years about the nature and disposition of English 101.

Barnett initiated discussion of the need for a common interpretation of the committee's previous work on a possible freshman curriculum, and Kline pointed out the availability of the preamble to the set of models submitted to the Faculty Senate. Further discussion led to the following action:

ACTION Barnett M/S/P to produce a handout of maximum one page explaining the evolution of the nucleus proposal for a freshman course.

Merz appointed continuing committee members Kline and Clifford to create a draft for consideration at the next meeting. Merz and Bartanen will follow the progress of plans for a faculty forum to include discussion of a possible freshman curriculum.

Valentine initiated a "motion" and the committee adjourned at 8:52 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 19 SEPTEMBER 1995, 8:00 A.M., MISNER ROOM.

Respectfully submitted,

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