

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

31 October 1995 (Tuesday)

Misner Room

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

Absent: Morgan, Orloff

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

Minutes. The committee M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 10 October 1995 with the following correction as proposed by Tomlin: Removal of the phrase "including film screenplays" (p. 2). Tomlin explained that no one has proposed a version of the course (English 267) with such subject matter. The correction thus is a clarification.

With reference to the announcement in the minutes of the meeting that did not need to occur on 17 October because subcommittee work was still in progress, the committee informally agreed that the minutes should omit the "next meeting" section.

Announcements. Bartanen thanked members of the committee who had expressed willingness to be facilitators in small-group sessions at the "Faculty Conversation" on 29 October, even though these sessions did not take place.

Subcommittee reports

BUSINESS AND PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION. Tomlin reported that the subcommittee had received documentation of proposed curricular changes that include a regular track in the major of seven units in Business and four outside units, for a total of eleven units, as well as an "International" track to involve a maximum of sixteen units (including required foreign-language study and an international experience). Tomlin stated that the situation of change in the School of Business and Public Administration supports the prospect of the committee's approval of the proposed new BPA framework without approval of every detail of the program that eventually will be in place.

Clifford extended the subcommittee's report by noting the two-year process that preceded the submission of the BPA proposal three weeks ago and called attention to the necessity of the overlap of the previous BPA program and the new BPA program in order to accommodate students currently enrolled. He pointed to the current search for a new Director of Business and Administration and the definition of the position as "Director of a liberal arts program in Business." The committee could approve the proposed new program in stages -- first the framework, then the syllabi for the three "nucleus" courses, deferring further approval. Clifford recalled the process of the adoption of the Science in Context core in general, with specific courses approved later one by one.

Discussion initiated by Magnus focused on the function of the proposed new program in a liberal arts setting. Clifford commented that the proposal emphasizes breadth of exploration, rather than narrow inquiry. Tomlin noted that the proposal reduces electives in Business to approximately half of those available in the current program. Bartanen stated that the proposed program differs from the current program in theme or emphasis; departing from the previously established tracks in the major (for example, management), the proposal proceeds on the expectation that graduates will go on to a variety of responsible positions. Rather than training in "management" *per se* the proposed program involves the opportunity to learn what a manager needs to know broadly. To accomplish this kind of objective the proposal includes incorporation of the "case" method as the basis of a revised style of teaching in BPA. The proposed curriculum includes "nucleus" courses, an elective

related to a nucleus course, course work in BPA and also outside BPA, and a capstone course in which students will do case research.

The framework of the proposed program will need early decision, thus to permit next year's incoming students (Class of '00) to know what is available.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY. Valentine again commended the OT faculty for the quality of the review document and noted that proposed changes will achieve a redistribution of the undergraduate major involving greater focus on critical areas; it also will alter the pace of instruction so as to allow more time for reflection on course material and the development of reasoning skills. The revised M.A. program will be thirteen units, rather than the current twelve; but the undergraduate major retains the current number of units. On the recommendation of the subcommittee, the committee acted as follows:

ACTION M/S/P approval of the revised program in Occupational Therapy.

INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. Cousens reported that the subcommittee is ready to make a recommendation regarding Latin American Studies 100, proposed by two faculty members (one in History, one in Politics and Government); but the subcommittee suggests awaiting the report of the subcommittee reviewing the Latin American Studies minor, which includes LAS 100.

LATIN AMERICAN STUDIES. Magnus stated that the subcommittee will report at the next meeting.

Following brief discussion about the procedures for handling interdisciplinary curricular proposals, Merz declared the meeting adjourned at 8:53 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Addendum: Additional Subcommittee Membership Information

The listing of subcommittees in the minutes for the meeting of 10 October do not show Rao's subcommittee membership, as follows: Classics, also Communication I.

The previous minutes also do not list the following subcommittee:

Communication I: Clifford, Kline (Chair), Matthews, Neshyba, Paris/Rao (shared membership), Bartanen