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GENERAL STUDIES COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting: February 6, 1997

PRESENT: Charlie Bicak, Herbert Craig, Jeanne Cutler, Mark Eifler, Connie Hansen, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Kim Schipporeit, Lee Snyder, Judy Willett, Dave Anderson

ABSENT: Peg Camp

VISITORS: Leonard Skov, Supanie Nimchanya

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Academic Affairs Conference Room.

A. The December 5, 1996 minutes were approved via E-mail on January 16, 1997.

B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:

Chair, Mark Eifler, submitted a report with the following recommendations. Eifler recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:

- GEOG 347 - Geography of Africa (Inherently CD)
- GEOG 340 - Developing Nations (Lawrence Becker)
- FREN 357 - Seminar on Women in French & Francophone Literature (Inherently CD)
***Glen Powell (Bicak) moved to approve the above recommendations.
Motion carried.

The CD Subcommittee voted to make the following changes to the CD application form: Change the names to reflect the new committee members and add a line on the form asking for submission of five copies of the application.

***Glen Powell (Miller) moved to approve making the changes in the CD application. Motion carried.

2.

3. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:

Chair, Glen Powell, submitted a report the following recommendations. Powell recommended the following be approved by the Council:

- ENG 303 - Introduction to Linguistics (Richard Jussel)

The above course was approved in December pending a revision to be made by the instructor. This revision has been made and the course meets the WI criteria.

***Mark Eifler (Powell) moved to approve the above recommendation. Motion carried.

The following courses are recommended for approval by the Subcommittee.

- ENG 234 - Reading and Writing about Literature (Kate Benzel)
- ENG 362B - Survey of British Literature II (Kate Benzel)

- HIST 339 - Amerindian and Colonial Latin America (Roger Davis)
- PE 461 - Exercise Physiology (Dennis Jacobsen, Richard Seip, Joe Donnelly)
- PHYS 276 - General Physics (Mark Markes)

*****Mark Eifler (Bicak) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.**

- HIST 492 - Soviet Russia (Carol Lilly)
- SPCH 370 - Small Group Communication (Robert Coccetti)

The above courses were approved by the Subcommittee pending an addition in the revision process. However, after the Council discussed the situation, the Council decided to move to approve the courses.

*****Jim Miller (Bicak) moved to approve HIST 492 as WI. Motion carried.**

*****Jim Miller (Hansen) moved to approve SPCH 370 as WI. Motion carried. Bicak and Powell abstained.**

The following courses are being taught as WI, however, the approved instructors are as follows:

- MATH 350 - Abstract Algebra (Barton Willis, Randall Heckman, Lutfi Lutfiyya and Stephen Bean)
- MATH 460 - Advanced Calculus (Barton Willis, Randall Heckman, Lutfi Lutfiyya and Stephen Bean)

C.

D. NEW BUSINESS:

1. International Student/General Studies Field Study:

Leonard Skov and Supanie Nimchanya would like to conduct a field study with faculty and general studies courses. For the field study, Supanie Nimchanya would 1) collect data on the kinds of learning activity that are utilized in general studies courses from faculty, 2) collect perceptions of faculty about which activities are more difficult and less effective for students whose native language is not English, and which of those activities are less difficult and more effective whose native language is not English, 3) collect parallel information from students. The data will be collected from faculty teaching general studies courses and international students whose native language is not English. Participation will be voluntary and anonymous.

2. Business Law/Business Communications WI Status:

The Council discussed making BACC 311 Business Law courses and BSAD 320 Business Communications WI, regardless of the instructor. After considerable discussion, the Council decided to continue approving the course as instructor specific.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Assessment Criteria:

A packet of the assessment criteria was distributed to the Council. The Council was asked to review the criteria and discuss them at their next departmental meeting.

Jenkins asked for volunteers to review and edit the criteria to develop consistency between the criteria. Lee Snyder was volunteered and Jeanne Cutler volunteered.

2. 300/400 Level Courses:

Jim German will be Faculty Senate's representative and Charlie Bicak and Herbert Craig will represent the General Studies Council.

3. Transfer Student Strategy:

Mark Eifler, Judy Willett, and Glen Powell will be serving on the Subcommittee that will be reviewing the transfer student situation. Jenkins asked the Subcommittee to include him as well as Kim Schipporeit at the first meeting. Schipporeit will then delegate someone from her office to attend these meetings.

4. Other:

Jeanne Cutler distributed a corrected catalog description for PE 109/110GS, which was approved.

***Glen Powell (Eifler) moved to approve the clarification as a catalog description.
Motion carried.

F. NEXT MEETING:

Mark Eifler (Snyder) moved to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m. Jenkins reminded the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for March 6, 1997, at 3:30, in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.