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**Minutes of the Meeting: May 1, 1997**

**PRESENT:** Charlie Bicak, Peg Camp, Herbert Craig, Jeanne Cutler, Connie Hansen, Allan Jenkins, Dick Jussel, Jim Miller, Glen Powell, Lee Snyder

**ABSENT:** Dave Anderson, Mark Eifler, Kim Schipporeit, Judy Willett

Chair, Allan Jenkins, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m., in the Ockinga Center.

A. The April 3, 1997 minutes were approved via E-mail on April 15, 1997.

**B. SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:**

**1. Cultural Diversity Subcommittee:**

Allan Jenkins, in the absence of the Subcommittee Chair, recommended the following courses be approved by the Council:

- ENG 251 - Introduction to Literature: American Literature (Charles Peek)
- ENG 374 - History of the Motion Picture (Samuel Umland)
- PSY 480 - Advanced Seminar in Psychology: Psychology of Religion (Kevin Byrd) \*\*\*Glen Powell (Miller) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.

The following course was not approved for CD designation by a split vote by the CD Subcommittee. However, Mark Eifler, Subcommittee Chair, would like the Council to consider approving this course as CD. After the Council reviewed the course, the Council decided to approve the course.

- ENG 404 - History of the English Language (Charles Peek)

\*\*\*Jim Miller (Powell) moved to approve the above course with notice to the professor that the Council will monitor the course to make sure the course is being taught as CD. The Council has the right to change their mind on the designation of CD if the course is not being taught as such. Motion carried.

The following is a list of courses that did not meet the CD criteria:

- GEOG 345 - Geography of Europe (Robert Lind)
- SPED 234 - Individuals with Exceptionalities (Carol Hudson)
- SPED 333 - Serving Individuals with Disabilities in Integrated Settings (Carol Hudson & Diane Boerkircher)

\*\*\*Connie Hansen (Bicak) moved to approve the above three courses as rejected upon the Subcommittee recommendation. Motion carried.

**2. Writing Intensive Subcommittee:**

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

- ENG 234 - Reading and Writing about Literature (Sam Umland)

- ENG 373 - Film as Literature (Sam Umland)
- ENG 374 - History of the Motion Picture (Sam Umland)
- ENG 444 - Seminar in American Realism (Susanne George) (Subcommittee passed pending clarification on feedback - Received)

\*\*\*Connie Hansen (Camp) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.

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

- ENG 234 - Reading and Writing About Literature (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 240HGS - Literary Classics of the Western World - Honors (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 250GS - Introduction to Literature: British Literature (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 252GS - Introduction to Literature: Western Civilization (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 254GS - Arthurian Literature (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 362A - Survey of British Literature I (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 362B - Survey of British Literature II (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 368 - Victorian Literature (Rebecca Umland)
- ENG 415 - Advanced Fiction (Barbara Emrys)
- HIST 477 - American Thought and Culture to 1865 (Jim German)
- PSCI 373 - Political Thought I (John Anderson)
- PSCI 374 - Political Thought II (John Anderson)

\*\*\*Jim Miller (Snyder) moved to accept the Subcommittee's recommendation to approve the above courses as WI. Motion carried.

- BIOL 330 - Wildlife Conservation (Joe Springer)
- ITEC 390 - Telecommunications Law (Tim Obermier)

The above courses were returned for minor revisions. The revisions have been made and the course now meets the WI criteria.

- SOWK 371 - Social Work Practice I (Sandy Cook-Fong)
- SOWK 401 - Social Work in Legal Settings (Sandy Cook-Fong)

The Subcommittee tabled the above courses at their last meeting. However, one of these courses will be taught this summer as WI, therefore, the Council recommended approval.

\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Miller) moved to approve the above recommendations. Motion carried.

- ITEC 498 - Seminar in Industrial Technology Construction Management (Michael Nobe)

\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Miller) moved to approve the above course upon Glen Powell reviewing the revision.

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D. NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

E. OLD BUSINESS:

1. Report from 300/400 Level Volunteers:

Jenkins would like to circulate the report on the 300/400 level courses, so the Council can review before discussing. The draft report will be distributed and the Council will act on it in August.

2. Revised General Studies Course Review Schedule:300/400 Level Volunteers: Jenkins distributed a copy of the revised review schedule.

The new course review schedule is as follows:

- 1997 - 1998 Humanities
- 1998 - 1999 Language and Communication
- 1999 - 2000 Natural Sciences
- 2000 - 2001 Social and Behavioral Sciences
- 2001 - 2002 Mathematics, Computer Science, and Personal Development  
\*\*\*Glen Powell (Camp) moved to approve the revised course review schedule.  
Motion carried.

3. Adopt Assessment Criteria:

The Council has been working on getting the Assessment Criteria consistent.

▪ HUMANITIES OBJECTIVES

○ Literary Perspectives:

\*\*\*Herbert Craig (Powell) moved to adopt the criteria as changed.  
Motion carried.

○ Aesthetic Perspectives:

\*\*\*Peg Camp (Powell) moved to adopt the criteria as changed. Motion carried.

- **Historical Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Lee Snyder (Miller) moved to adopt the criteria as changed. Motion carried.
- **Philosophic Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Lee Snyder (Powell) moved to accept the submitted changes. Motion carried.
- **MATHEMATICS, STATISTICS, & COMPUTER SCIENCE OBJECTIVES**
  - **Mathematics/Statistics Courses:**  
\*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Camp) moved to adopt the criteria as is. Motion carried.
  - **Computer Science Courses:**  
\*\*\*Peg Camp (Hansen) moved to approve the criteria as is. Motion carried.
- **NATURAL SCIENCES OBJECTIVES**
  - \*\*\*Charlie Bicak (Camp) moved to table N&SS criteria until several concerns were revised by the Departments. Motion carried.
- **SOCIAL AND BEHAVIORAL SCIENCES**
  - **Economic Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Peg Camp (Hansen) moved to adopt the criteria as is. Motion carried.
  - **Social Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Connie Hansen (Camp) moved to adopt the criteria as is. Motion carried.
  - **Political Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Connie Hansen (Powell) moved to adopt the criteria as is. Motion carried.
  - **Geographic Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Lee Snyder (Bicak) moved to approve the submitted changes. Motion carried.
  - **Behavioral Perspectives:**  
\*\*\*Jim Miller (Snyder) moved to adopt the criteria as changed. Motion carried.

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**F.**

**G. NEXT MEETING:**

**Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m., reminding the Council that the next meeting is scheduled for August 21, 1997, at 3:30, in the Academic Affairs Conference Room, Founders Hall, Room 2122.**