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Social Science Division Meeting Minutes
September 13, 2010
5:30 p.m.

Faculty in attendance: Pareena Lawrence (Chair), Joe Beaver, Katherine Benson, Kent Blansett, Sheri Breen, Steve Burks, Donna Chollett, Rebecca Dean, Jennifer Deane, Bart Finzel, Tom Gausman, Farah Gilanshah, Steve Gross, Roland Guyotte, Harold Hinds, Hiro Imai, J. Brooks Jessup, Tom Johnson, Arne Kildegaard, Leslie Meek, Paula O'Loughlin, Heather Peters, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Jennifer Rothchild, Cheryl Stewart, Dennis Stewart, Marynel Ryan Van Zee, and Sheng Xiao.

Student Representative in attendance: Laura Weldy (Anth/Soc), Chris Thorne (Econ/Mgmt), Sydney Sweep (History), Mark Privatsky (Political Science), Ellis Valentiner (Psychology)

Faculty excused absences: Bina and Joo

Faculty on leave: Solomon Gashaw

I. Announcements

Chair Lawrence welcomed faculty to the meeting, and asked if there were any announcements.

Steve Burks announced that the Economics and Management discipline together with the Environmental Studies program at UMM has invited Chris Farrell of Minnesota Public Radio to come and speak on campus. More information will be forthcoming soon.

Roland Guyotte reminded the division that the Driggs Lecture will take place on Tuesday, September 21st, and will be given by Professor W.J. Rorabaugh. The topic is "Hippies in the 1960's."

II. Approval of 8/19/10 Minutes

Chair Lawrence called for the approval of the August 19 minutes. Marynel Ryan Van Zee moved to approve the minutes, and Harold Hinds seconded. With a unanimous 'aye' vote, the 8/19/10 minutes were approved by the division.

III. Anthropology Curriculum

Anthropology 3402 was inadvertently left off the PCAS BA and Minor list of electives e-mailed with the agenda. It has been added now. The minor required a small word change which has also been corrected (change 'Soc 4901 and Soc 4902 are strongly recommended' to 'Soc 4991 is strongly recommended'). In addition, Anth 3501 has received provisional approval, and is now seeking regular approval.

Roland Guyotte moved to approve, and Paula O'Loughlin seconded. The anthropology curriculum changes were unanimously approved.

VI. Blanket Approval Request

Chair Lawrence requested that a blanket approval be given for any future editorial changes made to courses prior to materials being submitted to Campus Assembly for approval, explaining that it did not seem necessary to call to Division meeting to vote for such grammar or editorial corrections. Lawrence added that if anything significant is missed in course listings/descriptions, an email will be sent out to division members.

Harold Hinds moved to approve the blanket approval, and Steve Gross seconded. The blanket approval was thus approved.

V. History Curriculum Proposals

Jeff Ratliff-Crain moved to approve the changes, and Roland Guyotte seconded. Chair Lawrence gave a summary of the changes. The two World History courses, Hist 1101 and 1102 are being inactivated, and replaced by Hist 1111. Eleven courses are changing from 3000 level to a 2000 level. A few descriptions and course names are changing, and five new upper level courses have been added, including a capstone course. Three upper level history courses were inactivated. Chair Lawrence continued, saying that the History major now requires Hist 1111, the capstone course, and the methods course (Hist 2001). The number of credits needed to complete this major has increased from 37 to 40.

Jeff Ratliff-Crain asked whether there were any changes in history prerequisites. Jennifer Deane replied that there weren't, except for methods prerequisite for the new capstone course.

A unanimous vote approved the history curriculum changes.

VI. Management Curriculum Proposals

Mark Privratsky moved to approve the changes, and Roland Guyotte seconded. Chair Lawrence gave an explanation of the proposed changes: 2 courses were being inactivated, 2 courses had obtained provisional approval, and were seeking regular approval, and minor changes were made to 3 courses.

In terms of program changes, the Management discipline went from 3 subplans down to 2 subplans: global business and general management. CMR 1052 has been dropped as a required course from two of the original subplans and now appears as an elective course for the global business subplan.

Mark Privratsky asked why Public Speaking was dropped as a prerequisite. It was answered that Public Speaking was still part of one of the management tracks as an elective, but it was dropped from the core to balance the total number of credits in the major and strengthen the core requirements.

There was a unanimous vote to approve the Management curriculum changes.

VII. Political Science Curriculum Proposals

Three courses were being inactivated, one course was being reactivated, three new courses were proposed, and three courses had updated descriptions.

Thomas Johnson moved to approve the Political Science curriculum changes, and Paula O'Loughlin seconded. The changes were unanimously approved.

VIII. Liberal Arts for the Human Services (LAHS) Curriculum Proposals

Steve Gross moved to approve the changes, Sheri Breen seconded. Chair Lawrence told the division that new courses were being added for Psychology, Sociology, and Anthropology.

The changes to LAHS were unanimously approved.

IX. Geography

Chair Lawrence announced that the new GIS (Geog 3501) course had provisional approval, but needed regular approval.

Joe Beaver moved to approve, and Roland Guyotte seconded.

Steve Gross then asked about the software needed for the GIS (Geog 3501) course. Joe Beaver replied that the old software is still working, and in addition the geology lab has the needed software. Beaver was planning to use IH 11, as that room had the correct software the last time he checked (last spring). Beaver added that Geog 3501 is a spring course.

There was a unanimous vote to approve the Geography curriculum changes.

X. Additional Questions, Comments, and Concerns

Chair Lawrence reminded the division that the next division meeting will be Wednesday, September 29th at 5:30 p.m.. Chancellor Johnson will be joining us in order to answer any questions the division may have.

Arne Kildegaard raised a concern about the composition of the Environmental Studies Search committee. Discussion followed.

Jennifer Deane moved to adjourn the meeting, and Heather Peters seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Holly Gruntner, Morris Student Academic Fellow