

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: October 15, 2002

Present:	Dennis Nettiksimmons	Rachel Schaffer
	Pat Holman	Tom Hinthorne
	George Madden	Susan Gregory
	Tim Urbaniak	Vern Gagnon

Absent:	Lorrie Steerey	
	James Nowlin – <i>excused</i>	Gersh Bulgatz – <i>excused</i>
	Bruce Brumley – <i>excused</i>	
	Karen Everett (ex-officio)	

Guest: Analicia Pianca, Director, International Studies

Presiding: George Madden, Chair



George Madden called the meeting to order at 3:50 p.m. on Tuesday, October 15, 2002 in room 306 of the College of Business.

I. The September 17, 2002 meeting minutes were approved.

II. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 3 Minor in International Studies. New Program.

It was stated that this was a fairly shabby presentation. However, the idea is a good one. It was also noted that this proposal will result in a “grab bag” program.

It was then cited that this may not be a good time to approve a new minor, in the face of all the budget cuts.

It was also noted that syllabi were included, but they were of a representative nature. However, the reasons why they were included need to be clearer.

The question was raised as to who is instigating this change. The Department of Modern Languages and Literatures is cited as the “Host Department” on the form, but that department may not be the instigator.

Option B (of the two options listed for the minor) states that a requisite number of courses taken overseas (i.e. abroad) will result in accomplishment of the requirements of the minor. This was noted as being very unclear. They can take any courses abroad, and they will have this minor?

It was proposed that discussions between the UCC and Modern Languages and Literatures, Dan Zirker, Janie Park, and the History Department should be held to clear up the confusion. Perhaps they could redraft the proposal to make it unambiguous.

It was also noted that in Option A, the 3 core courses are all 100 or 200 level. They are also mainly courses offered in Gen Ed. There are 400 level International Business courses offered in the College of Business that could be used here.

It was also noted that Option B should not be called *Overseas*, but rather *Abroad*.

It was also noted that there is no detail about students traveling abroad. Analicia Pianca, Director, International Studies, stated that MSU-B has agreements with several countries, including the Netherlands and Japan, wherein the students pay the same tuition and room and board as if they were attending the MSU-B campus. The student is only responsible for airfare. The credits are also negotiated so they will transfer back to MSU-B. It was stated that information like that should be in this proposal.

It was cited that this may be another program like the BSLS where the maximum use is made of credits a student has already earned.

It was stated that there should also be a requirement as part of this minor that students must host students from other countries who come to MSU-B through the same program. This way, even students who are unable to travel abroad would have some experience with other cultures. This could be offered as a course, such as a 400 level seminar.

- Motion by Rachel Schaffer, seconded by Tim Urbaniak to **table Item 3 until more information can be gathered** from the Departments of Modern Languages and History, the Dean, and the Provost **and the proposal can be redrafted and clarified.**

- Motion carried.

It was then noted that the College of Technology will have a great deal of material coming forward, and the UCC should meet there at least once to accommodate.

The following schedule was agreed upon:

- ◆ Meet Tuesday, October 29 at 3:45 in COB 306 to discuss items in **before** the deadline
- ◆ Meet Tuesday, November 12 at 3:45 at the COT
- ◆ Meet Tuesday, November 19 at 3:45 in COB 306

The Academic Senate deadline is November 21, 2002.

The meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

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