

Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee

Meeting of October 31, 2001

Present: Soderlind, Zorn, O'Leary, Booth, Cook, Osthus, Hoekstra
Visitors: Frank Odd, Chuck Huff

1. Minutes from the meeting of Oct. 24 were approved.
2. Foreign Language Review Subcommittee Recommendations.

Frank Odd presented the five cases that had come before the Foreign Language Review Subcommittee of students seeking to fulfil the language requirement through literature in translation courses, along with the recommendations of the subcommittee. For each case he presented the reasons for the petition and the rationale of the subcommittee in arriving at its recommendation. CEPC voted, as the subcommittee had recommended, to deny the appeal in two cases and to grant it in the other three.

3. Margaret brought up the matter of the grade that gets recorded on the transcript for students who have had their petitions granted for exemption from the foreign language requirement. Currently it stands as a D or F. Should it be automatically changed to a U, a N, or a WF? The committee agreed that we should take up this matter at a later meeting.

4. Consideration of the proposed revision of the Psychology major. Chuck Huff met with the committee for a discussion of the new major that the Psychology department is planning to propose. The committee had had a thorough presentation of the elements of the new major and the impact on curriculum and faculty load in the form of handouts Chuck had provided prior to the meeting. Much of the discussion focused on the shift in emphasis that the new major represents, current understandings of the nature of the discipline, and the projected impact on St. Olaf students and their options for majors. CEPC will continue this discussion at a subsequent meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
G. Hoekstra