

Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee

Minutes of the April 7, 2003 Meeting

Present: Carolyn Anderson, David Booth, Mary Cisar, Steven Hahn, Alice Hanson, Mary Sue Lovett, Paul Zorn, Thomas Rusert (was excused for Chapel Choir rehearsal).

David Booth called the meeting to order at 3:20 p.m.

1. The minutes of 3/31/04 were approved.
2. Julie Legler presented a proposal for revisions of the requirements for the Statistics Concentration and changes of names of two current math courses to statistics courses. The 4 course concentration requirement (with 2 course foundation and 2 electives) would remain the same, but some of those courses' content, names, and numbering would be different. The Committee discussed how interdisciplinary the concentration really was, the currently optional experiential learning and QWAC (Quantitative Work across the Curriculum) components. Voting on the proposal will take place next week.
3. The Norwegian Department proposed two minor changes for its major. The first decreases the required courses by one to be filled by a greater choice of approved courses (including those taken abroad). The second proposed that only 50% of the major must be taken through St. Olaf. Questions were raised about which "additional upper level course" was meant by the new requirement. Voting on the proposal will take place next week.
4. Registrar Mary Cisar raised the following policy and regulations questions (which were emailed to the Committee 3/31/04):
 - a. Deadlines: The Registrar will bring the catalog into agreement with current practice regarding add and drop and other academic deadlines.
 - b. Course Overloads: The Committee affirmed its present limits and regulations regarding students taking course overloads. It was suggested that the work "normally" be inserted into the policy statement to give the Registrar leeway to respond to exceptional circumstances.
 - c. Nursing Program Internship: The official course organization and credit granting mechanism of the present internship required of all nursing students, need immediate revision to ensure that the students' insurance liabilities are covered all summer as they practice medicine. The formation of a new two-part Practicum course will be discussed with the Registrar and Nursing Department during the next week.
 - d. Distinction: The Registrar intends to return to the catalogue the college's policies for Distinction, with the addition of the possibility to earn distinction in

Concentrations and in two Departments (for interdisciplinary projects). The Committee will consider these guidelines next week.

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Alice Hanson, Secretary