

MINUTES OF THE MEETING
OF THE ACADEMIC POLICIES AND PROCEDURES COMMITTEE
April 2, 2003

The Academic Policies and Procedures Committee held its regular monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 2, 2003 in Room 224 of I.G. Greer Hall beginning at 3:03 p.m.

Committee members present: Mr. John Abbott, Ms. Marianne Adams, Dr. Jon Beebe, Dr. Keith Davis, Dr. Michael Dotson, Dr. Holly Hirst, Dr. Dan Hurley, Dr. Ron Marden, Dr. Margot Olson, Dr. Jim Young, Mr. Lucas Pasley, Mr. Jeremy Engbretson, and Mr. Justin Moore.

Committee members excused: Dr. Ed Folts and Ms. Rachel Johnson.

The March 5, 2003 minutes were approved as distributed.

VOTE 1 YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Richard Henson and Dr. Richard Carp presented proposals from the College of Arts and Sciences for the Department of Interdisciplinary Studies.

Proposals IDS 8 and IDS 9 were approved as amended as follows: (EFF. FALL, 2003)

(Note: An exception to the policy regarding effective dates has been approved by Don Rankins, University Registrar.)

1. Add a concentration in Sustainable Development to the B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (250*/24.0101). (The total number of hours required for the B.A. degree is 122 s.h.) The catalog description will read as follows:

Sustainable Development

The concentration in Sustainable Development under the B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies grows from the United Nations definition of sustainable development - "meeting the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet theirs" - adding, "sustainable development is a participatory process of meeting basic human needs. It is a socio-economic process that does not undermine the community (and culture) of a people or the environments in which they live." The program connects courses in environmental science, ethics, agroecology, social science, and technology with others specifically addressing sustainable development to assist students to understand the potential for and the obstacles to sustainable development. We welcome students of all academic interests including the humanities, arts, and liberal arts, as well as bio-physical and social science.

1. Required courses:

IDS 2530	Selected Topics: Introduction to Sustainable Development
P&R 2015	Environmental Ethics
IDS 3251	Principles of Agroecology
ANT 4570	Sustainable Development in the Modern World System

2. Select twelve hours from the list of courses provided below. At least three hours (one course) must be from each category (Environmental Science, Social Science, Technology). Course substitutions may be accepted with the approval of the Director of Sustainable Development. Students majoring with a concentration in Sustainable Development must have their minors approved by their advisors.

Environmental Science:

BIO 3302	Ecology
BIO 3312	Environmental Studies
CHE 4620	Environmental Chemistry
GLY 1103	Introduction to Environmental and Applied Geology

Social Science:

ANT 2420	Gender, Race and Class
ANT 3550	Applied Anthropology
ANT/PS 4220	Globalization
ANT 4565	Political Economy, Globalization and Rural Development
GHY 3200	Geographic Perspectives on Human Behavior
GHY 3210	Economic Geography
ECO 3620	Environmental Economics

Technology:

TEC 2029	Society and Technology
TEC 4608	Renewable Electricity Technology
TEC 4618	Sustainable Building Design and Construction
TEC 4628	Solar Thermal Energy Technology

Other courses may be substituted with the approval of the Director of Sustainable Development. In particular, several departments, including those listed above, regularly offer "Selected Topics" courses of direct relevance to the study of sustainable development.

2. Revise the catalog description for the B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies (250*/24.0101) to include the sustainable development concentration as noted above, and to revise the introductory paragraph to read as follows:

INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJORS

The general features of the **B.A. degree in Interdisciplinary Studies** are: (1) a series of core courses which give all IDS majors a firm grounding in interdisciplinary perspectives and methods, and link them with the student's study in their concentration; and (2) a set of sixteen concentrations.

VOTE 2 YES 12 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Jim Young (Chair of the Department of Geography and Planning) presented a request to delete PLN 5800. He noted that this course had been added (at the 2/7/01 AP&P meeting) when the other dual-listed courses were added to the course listings. That course has never been offered and is not needed in that department's course listings. A motion was approved to delete PLN 5800.

(EFF. SPRING, 2003)

1. Course deletion:
PLN 5800. Quantitative Methods/(3).F;S.

VOTE 3 YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

OTHER:

Dr. Parker introduced the next item on the agenda - to continue the discussion regarding the AP&P proposal process (refer to Page 3 of the 3/05/03 AP&P Committee Minutes) - looking for ideas and suggestions on how the proposal process for curriculum changes could be simplified.

Dr. Dave Haney (Chair of the Department of English) shared the electronic method that his department has developed to view proposals which reduces the number of paper copies needed for the faculty in the Department of English. Dr. Haney presented a demonstration using the [M:drive] on the University's Network to share curriculum proposals on-line within his department.

Dr. Holly Hirst distributed copies of the fill-in form in acrobat of the proposed new AP&P form that was suggested at the March AP&P meeting using a PDF file.

Dr. Parker asked the Deans to discuss this with their departmental chairs at their college/school council meetings, and then bring any feedback regarding the new forms and process back to the AP&P Committee. Dr. Parker asked Dr. Hirst if she could be available to go to their council meetings, upon request from the Deans.

Dr. Parker also asked the AP&P Committee members to study the proposed sample form, and be prepared to discuss this further at the May 7 AP&P meeting.

The AP&P Committee members voted to adjourn at 3:58 p.m.

VOTE 4 YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

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Vote Record

VOTE SYMBOLS	y (YES)	N (NO)	A (ABSTAIN)
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Committee Members

John Abbott	y	y	y	y
Marianne Adams	y	y	y	y
Jon Beebe	y	y	y	y
Keith Davis	y	y	y	y
Michael Dotson	y	y	y	y
Ed Folts	-	-	-	-
Holly Hirst	y	y	y	y
Dan Hurley	y	y	y	y
Ron Marden	y	y	y	y
Margot Olson	y	y	y	y
Jim Young	y	y	y	y
Lucas Pasley	y	y	y	y
Jeremy Engbretson	y	y	y	y
Rachel Johnson	-	-	-	-
Justin Moore	-	-	y	y

The recommendations of the Academic Policies and Procedures Committee, at its April 2, 2003 meeting are approved.

Harvey R. Durham
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 Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

4/28/03
 Date
