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UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL MEETING

June 4, 2007

Rowe Conference Room

Present:

Herb Chereck, Hilary Gerdes, Dan Keller, Anne Laskaya, Steven Pologe, Ron Severson, Karen Sprague, Kate Wagle, Paul Engelking, and Lyllye Parker

Absent:

Andrew Bonamici, Dave Hubin, Dean Livelybrooks, Dan Patton, Martha Pitts, Ashley Rees, Kathy Roberts, Bill Ryan, Arkady Vaintrob, Malcolm Wilson, Pat Bartlein, and Ken Calhoon

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Minutes:

No minutes were available for review.

Agenda

Discussion on a proposal from OIP which had previously been forwarded to the Undergraduate Council will be deferred until AY 2007-2008. This deferral was agreed to by the Registrar's Office and OIP since the proposal relates to the Multicultural course requirement as presently stated.

Also deferred until the review of individual courses is completed is discussion of whether Multicultural courses should be offered at the 400-level.

The Chair announced that the proposed Undergraduate Council student representatives for the AY 2007-2008 have all had overseas study experience and will have much to contribute to the Multicultural course review. The Council is still waiting for ASUO approval of the candidates, but the Chair anticipates that all the students will be appointed to the Council.

Anne Laskaya reported that the review of the Department of History had been completed. One notable finding was that 80% of undergraduate credit hours in the department are taught by tenure-related faculty. This is a department that takes undergraduate teaching seriously and is good at it.

The Council proceeded to review Round 4 syllabi.

The Council screened the tallied syllabi with three ratings:

“OK” means the course meets the current criteria for the category in which it is listed;

“R” means “Re-review”; the course appears not to meet the current criteria for the category in which it is designated as satisfying the Multicultural requirement; Council will re-review after both teams have looked at syllabus.

“II” means there is Insufficient Information for making a judgment on the course.

The results of the initial screening were as follows:

ROUND 4 REVIEW:

OK: ES256; MUJ350; MUS264; ANTH331; ARH397; GER259; HC434H; HIST192; HIST 480/580; HIST 487/587; MUS 451/551; REL302; REL303; REL 440/540; RUSS205; SOC 450/550; SPAN 490/590; WGS 431/531; ANTH368; ANTH 429/529; GER222; HC424H; PS348; REL353; SOC 455/555; and WGS101

I I: HC444H; FR301; GER258; and IT305

R: ANTH482/582; ARH384; COLT103; HC444H; LING211; and PS337

Review of Round 4 was completed. The Chair distributed Round 5 syllabi.

Round 5 will conclude the initial phase of the Multicultural course review. Rather than wait until Fall, the Council concurred that a small group of Council members (Ron Severson, Anne Laskaya, Lyllye Parker, Karen Sprague, and Hilary Gerdes) would meet over the summer to do the initial review of the Round 5 syllabi. The results will be combined with those from Rounds 1-4 and tabulated. Syllabi from all rounds that need to be reconsidered by the full Council (syllabi in the “R” category) will be prepared for distribution to Council members. Additional information will be sought for courses whose syllabi did not provide sufficient information initially. The tabulated results will be reported to the full Council at the first meeting of the 2007 Fall term, and the syllabi for re-review will be distributed to Council members, in advance, for discussion at the first meeting.

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Fall 2007. Date, time and location to be determined.

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