I. Minutes of December 18, 2003 were approved via e-mail

II. Old Business

A. Further discussion of Proposal concerning BS science-related course requirements – There has been no further action from the college educational policy committees on this proposal. Committee members were encouraged to contact their college educational policy committees and offer to attend meetings to answer questions.

III. New Business

A. Course and Program Requests – Motion to accept proposals #414-419 (see below) was made by Powell (Bridges). Brief discussion followed. In response to questions, David Rozema reported that the last proposal to create a Philosophy major was approved on campus but rejected by the Coordinating Commission. The current proposal adds two additional courses from outside the Philosophy Dept. as electives: PSYC 416: Eastern Psychology and Speech 332: Logic, Argumentation and Reasoning, but is otherwise the same as the last proposal. The existing philosophy courses are nearly all taught as writing intensive, and one course, Philosophy of Culture, is designated culturally-diverse. He stated that the Philosophy faculty would consider expanding its CD offerings. No additional staffing would be required to cover the requirements for a major, he said, since all courses are currently offered in regular rotation. Powell expressed Senior Vice Chancellor Hadley’s support for the Philosophy major as important to the campus, as well as his personal support. The vote on the motion to accept was unanimous. The motion carried.

NUMBER REQUEST COURSE/DEGREE COURSE/PROGRAM TITLE DEPT COL REASON

#414, Alter, Course, Description, BMKT 336, Tourism Marketing, BMKT, B&T, The course title and description are being changed to convey a broader treatment of services marketing, including tourism and hospitality marketing. New title: Services Marketing.

#415, Alter, Course, Prerequisite, ECON 398, Farm and Ranch Management, ECON, B&T.

#416, Alter, Course, MUS 301, Music Technology, MUS, FA, Music theory is no longer needed as a prerequisite, because the newer technology does not require a knowledge of music theory.
#417, Alter, Course, Grading, MUS 475, Internship in Music Business, MUS, FA, Change from C/NC to letter graded.

#418, Create, Program, B.A., Philosophy Major, PHIL, FA, Philosophy is an essential, core discipline in the curriculum of any university that is committed to seeking the truth in all matters and providing a liberal education to its students. At nearly all such universities, philosophy is offered as a major (degree program). There also has been, and continues to be, a high demand among students minoring in Philosophy for a major.

#419, Alter, Program, Philosophy Minor, PHIL, FA, Philosophy 110, Introduction to Logic, is currently an elective for the Philosophy minor, but we are able to offer it only every other year. Speech 332, Logic Argumentation and Reasoning, covers most of the same material as the Introduction to Logic course, and would offer students the logic elective on a more regular basis.

B. Review of General Studies minutes – No new minutes

C. Other new business – Discussion of process for documenting requests for changes to catalog copy was deferred to the February meeting.

IV. Adjournment

Next meeting: February 19, 2004 at 3:30 pm in Ockinga Conference Room; (Subcommittee meeting: February 11, 2004 at 4:00 pm in FDHL 2122)

Respectfully submitted by
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