

Minutes of EPC 11/20/96

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EDUCATIONAL POLICY COMMITTEE

Wednesday, November 20, 1996 (Meeting #6)

PRESENT: A. Bergeron, R. Carlson, C. Carroll, S. Cayan, J. Conant, S. Hedman, T. Isbell, J. Keener, S. Kjonaas, L. Knopp, V. Magnuson, M. Menzel, P. Morton, A. Peterson, P. Pollock, K. Risdon, L. Rochford, T. Shannon, B. Tsai. ABSENT: S. Castleberry, R. Hustvedt, A. Johnson, D. Ness, P. Sharp.

GUESTS: G. Allen, B. Gildseth, H. Hellenbrand, K. Johnson, D. Olson.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Carlson.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE NOVEMBER 6, 1996, MEETING MINUTES. Passed.

LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES:

Discussion of the Liberal Education Subcommittee proposal, Liberal Education Program General Principles And Guidelines, called for the following changes:

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ADOPT AS POLICY FOR THE SEMESTER SYSTEM,

THE LIBERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE PROPOSAL LIBERAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

GENERAL PRINCIPLES AND GUIDELINES, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: IN "CATEGORY TEN" CHANGE "SUBCATEGORY" TO "CATEGORY;" UNDER "CULTURAL DIVERSITY AND INTERNATIONAL PERSPECTIVE" OMIT THE FIRST PARAGRAPH.

Passed. (Copy of final policy attached.)

ADMISSIONS POLICY (ACT OR SAT):

Discussion of the Admission Policy Subcommittee recommendation included the following:

Use of subscores.

Access to expanded area for recruiting potential pool of high-ability students.

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING AS POLICY:

THE ACT OR SAT WILL BE ACCEPTED AS A VALID ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR ADMISSION TO UMD. THE SAT WILL BE EVALUATED WITH SCORES IN CONCORDANCE WITH THE CURRENT ACCEPTANCE LEVEL OF THE ACT.

Passed.

SUPPORTIVE SERVICES PROGRAM:

B. Gildseth and D. Olson told how this course was developed. Discussion of the course proposal included:

Grading option used.

Benefits of this course which will help improve student retention.

Student interest in similar courses now offered under course designator abbreviations ECE and CLA.

Importance of advising in student retention.

Potential of this course to be a model for all colleges, to be later coupled with majors.

Balancing students' academic and residential life opportunities.

Use of this course as an introduction to specific major versus introduction to college life.

What would make the course attractive to students?

MOTION WAS MADE AND SECONDED TO APPROVE THE COURSE PROPOSAL TO ADD SSP

1000--INTRODUCTION TO COLLEGE LEARNING, EFFECTIVE FALL 1997, WITH THE UNDERSTANDING THAT THE COURSE CONTENT WILL BE DISCUSSED AT A FUTURE EPC

MEETING. (Vote: Yes=12; No=3) Passed.

Students will be told about the course at Spring Orientation; it will not be a required course for any group at this time. Departments who wish to use this course in conjunction with a major using the variable credits option, should contact the Supportive Services Program.

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EXCUSED ABSENCE POLICY:

This will be an agenda item for the December 4 EPC meeting.

SUBCOMMITTEES:

INFORMATION SERVICES: C. Carroll reported a recommendation on changes to the language of this subcommittee's charge will be an agenda item for the December 4 EPC meeting.

LIBRARY POLICY: K. Risdon reported this subcommittee is discussing issues such as budget, cooperation with other library systems, technology, and the layout for the new library building.

ACHIEVEMENT CENTER: S. Cayan noted this subcommittee reports that

administrative changes in the Achievement Center are going well. She will report back to EPC on department changes. The center is showing increases in the number of students being served. The following students were added to the membership of this subcommittee: Pat Zierke and Hanan Mowahid.

ADMISSIONS POLICY: A. Bergeron told how this subcommittee is looking at the establishment of an "entrance average" score to attract high quality students who might better relate to our student population when shown the quality of students now attending.

LIBERAL EDUCATION: C. Carroll told how this subcommittee is developing a liberal education assessment document for the semester system.

ATHLETICS: P. Morton reported that this subcommittee is reviewing a draft athletic student's handbook and the Excused Absence Policy.

SEMESTER CONVERSION: Student Cindy Hale was added to the membership of this subcommittee as the Graduate School student representative for winter quarter; Karen Madrzak will serve spring quarter.

CRITICAL MEASURES: Amanda Peterson was added to the membership of this subcommittee as a student association representative.

#### VICE CHANCELLOR REPORT:

Vice Chancellor Magnuson reported the following:

Student enrollment is down but student credit hours are up.

There will be an open forum early in December to present an update on the semester conversion process.

Distributed were EPC meeting schedules and a memo from W. Jesswein, "Possible EPC Agenda Items."

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

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