

UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

Date: November 28, 2007

Present: Barbara Harrold
Maggie McBride
Mark Jacobson
Dixie Metheny
Jim Hughs
Kayla Corcoran (student)

Loretta Morgan
John Syring
Barbara Wheeling
Alan Christensen
Cheri Johannes

Absent: Brian Gurney – *excused*
Vern Gagnon – *excused*

Cindy Dell – *excused*
Trisha Biggs – *excused*

Guest: Jim Barron



Maggie McBride called the meeting to order at 4:03 p.m. on Wednesday, November 28, 2007, in the Missouri room.

The November 7 minutes were accepted as presented.

I. ITEMS – FIRST READING

Item 32.b (2006-2007) BS Major in General Science Teacher Certification Option. New program.

Jim Barron, Department of Biological & Physical Sciences, stated that this program was originally designed to meet No Child Left Behind standards, but the College of Education requested some changes in the program. The first change was the title from “General Science” to “Broadfield Science,” which will greatly enhance graduates’ ability to find a job because they will be highly qualified to teach at the high school level in all the sciences, not just one area like biology. However, we are only allowed to offer electives for the student’s concentration in our endorsable disciplines: biology or chemistry. As a result, all the Earth Science and Physics courses have been removed from the electives.

- Motion by Dixie Metheny, seconded by Mark Jacobson to **approve Item 32.b on first reading.**

It was noted that the changes requested by the COE were needed in order to get Montana Office of Public Instruction approval. It was cited that there is a demand for a broadfield science program like this in Montana because small rural schools cannot hire multiple science teachers.

Dr. Barron stated that these programs are made up of existing courses which are taught by existing faculty.

- Motion carried.

- Motion by Loretta Morgan, seconded by Barbara Harrold to **waive second reading of Item 32.b.**

- Motion carried.

II. INFORMATION ONLY ITEM

Item 20 Modification of the 51% rule specified in the MSUB COT Catalog.

Cheri Johannes noted that MSUB requires that students seeking a 4-year degree earn at least 30 credits from MSUB. However, the COT uses a percentage. Students must earn at least 51% of their credits from the COT to receive their degree or certificate. This becomes a problem for the new Associate of Science in Nursing program, because the Licensed Practical Nurses who bridge into the ASN program won't earn enough credits to meet the 51% requirement. Item 20 seeks to make an exception for health programs at the COT so students can earn less than 51% of their credits at the COT. This is also a movement toward more cohesion between the main campus and the COT. The Academic Standards & Scholastic Standing Committee approved this change at their October meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

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