

Curriculum Committee Minutes 8/29/00

Present: Peggy Branstrator, Mary Ann Morse, TJ Rivard, Lora Baldwin, Vandana Rao, and Alisa Clapp-Itnyre

Topic: NSM B.A. Degree Proposal

NSM Representative: Peggy Branstrator

Concerns & Questions that came up regarding the degree:

1) Why a B.A. and not a B.S.?

A BS is pre-professional & very structured. This new degree will be a “terminal” degree of sorts and will allow students more flexibility.

2) Why are you asking for 3 faculty?

Because Bloomington told them to

3) Why only minimum of 30 credit hours at 300 level, not 36?

Because many harder classes are still numbered at the 200 level; Humanities degree did not require this many: are we expecting more of this degree?

4) Is the role of the advisor and committee visible enough in document?

Might considering adding this to Adm. Requirements 2a

5) Does the degree need to require more math?

Math is a pre-requisite for many of the required classes; thus, it is implied.

Several members still wanted to see it emphasize more: I think we agreed to the following wording change in 3b, Distribution Requirements, p. 7: “Natural Science and Mathematics. Courses must be from at least two disciplines, one in natural science and one in math.”

6) Could in fact some 300 level classes come from English?

Possibly, but to avoid, we agreed on the following wording change in 3d, p.7: “An area of concentration must include a minimum of 30 credit hours with at least 20 cr. Hr. at the 200 level or higher, and, depending on one’s major, 6 cr. At the 300 level.”

7) Will Distribution and Concentration requirements overlap or become confused?

One suggestion: Combine, and require 42 (30+12) cr. hr. from students.

8) Are the career objectives to be aided by this kind of degree made specific enough on this proposal?

Perhaps add some sample careers p. 5; change “will” to “could”

9) Assessment: Do we approve this or has Walter Wagor looked it over already?

Will check

10) Too long? Pp. 20-23 will be cut

Will reconvene on Thurs. to discuss Criminal Justice degree; will follow-up NSM degree next Tues.

Respectfully submitted,
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