

Notes from 4-26-04

Curriculum committee

Present:

Peggy Branstrator, Betsy Kirk, Kathleen Kreamelmeyer, Kumara Jayasuriya, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre,  
late--Jerome Mahaffey

Special Guest: Cheryl Stolle

1. No minutes to approve yet.

2. Considered MS proposal from Education. Discussed purpose of electives and appropriateness of taking graduate level work from other departments. Several people were concerned about the need for content areas as electives; it may be OK as is, since advisors take part in the selection of electives. Will this be as rigorous as other MS programs in the area? Yes; Best Practice Academy is unique and very relevant to their teaching.

3. Computer Literacy requirement--Agenda committee thought was premature to bring this to Senate as a voting item. Discussed a new overview hand-out written by Peggy giving the various options. Perhaps use last Senate meeting to open to discussion.

4. COLI S360--BSS would like us to reconsider our request that S360 only be offered as 1-2 credits. They would like approval for variable credit 1-3. Our concern is that at the 300 level, given the content, this class does not contain enough upper-level material to be appropriate for 3 credits. If they did "6" skills, that would be appropriate for 3 credits. And/or to include some prerequisites. The 300-level courses have an understood amount of advanced material. "Procedures" document gives criteria that in fact this new course does not meet. What it doesn't do: to be 300 level, is supposed to have non-computing prerequisites (this has none); data collection and instrumentation is not included. Go ahead at 1-2 credit or not go at all.