

Curriculum Committee Minutes - Feb 3, 2005

Present: Peggy Branstrator, Alisa Clapp-Itnyre, Kumara Jayasuriya, Gregory Weber.

Absent: Betsy Kirk, Kathleen Kreamelmeyer.

1. Minutes. Due to lack of a quorum, approval of the minutes was deferred until the next meeting.
2. English degree adjustment (information item). The memo from T.J. Rivard seems to say they are replacing four courses with one. Actually, the previous requirement was not four courses, but to choose one of the four courses.
3. Criminal Justice degree. Alisa reports that Bob Ramsey is working on the changes requested.
4. ECAP procedures. People submitting an ECAP form should have the New Course Request form signed at the same time the final version of the ECAP form is signed.
5. BUSE degree revisions. Although Greg Braxton-Brown's email says this is an information item, the committee members hold that it is a voting item because it will affect another division's courses (math).

Committee members raised issues about dropping MATH M118, calculus, from the BS/Business requirements.

- a. Are there any business students likely to transfer to a school that requires calculus? Do students need to be advised that they need to take calculus in order to transfer or for graduate study?
- b. Is calculus required for graduate degrees, such as the MBA, in particular, the joint MBA we offer with Ball State? Either for admission or as an MBA course requirement? Is calculus needed for the GMAT exam?
- c. Why are we dropping calculus? -- Greg Weber explained that ACBSP standards call for a human resources course to be added. To add a new course, something had to be removed. Business faculty looked at how they were using calculus in upper-level courses. It was only used for two economics courses, and the instructors of those courses believed they could do without calculus -- that it should not be required just to support

those two courses. On the other hand, statistics are used frequently; hence the division made it a lower-level requirement and required it for the AS/Business degree.

The degree revision proposal needs to make the reasons clear.

d. Most of the enrollment in M119 is from Business students. If the course is not required for Business, then most likely it will no longer be offered. Any students who still need calculus then would have to take M215 -- a more intensive course.

e. Are other schools or other campuses making similar degree changes?

Alissa will contact Greg Braxton-Brown and (because of the disputed claim that it's an information item) the others parties copied on his email.

6. French courses. Committee members wanted to know, what is the first-year sequence that leads up to F203? Is it a 3+3 or 4+4 credit sequence? The bulletin and the course schedule seem to be inconsistent on this.

7. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting will be February 17, at 9:30 a.m., in WZ 200C.

Submitted by: Gregory Weber