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Minutes of the COE Curriculum Committee
April 8, 1991

Present: G. Blade (presiding), C. Cooper (recording), D. Downs, R. Overton,
J. North (D. Smith), Dean Joley

Absent: M.E. Varble (F. Summers), K. Grisso (G. Scholes)

Visitor: W. Hine



Minutes - The minutes of the February 11, 1991 meeting were approved by consensus.

Item 91-2 - Consideration of Recommendations of the Study of Graduate Education & Research Concerning Workshops

W. Hine, Dean of Continuing Education, presented information concerning workshops. He discussed two major issues:

1. There is currently a high demand for workshops off-campus. This is a viable way to deliver education to professionals. The key to the quality of off-campus workshops is the faculty member who teaches the course.
2. The Council on Graduate Studies is currently considering recommendations contained in the Study of Graduate Education & Research regarding workshops. The recommendations listed on p. 25 of this report are as follows:
 33. Limit credit for workshops (numbered 4998 & 4999) and special courses (numbered 4997) to 6 s.h. on master's degree study plans. Departments may wish to limit this number further or not allow such courses to be counted toward a student's degree requirements.
 34. Assign 3000-level numbers to summer theme workshops unless specifically approved by the Graduate Dean for graduate credit.
 35. Require approval through the regular course approval process of all specific workshops and special courses offered more than twice. List all these courses with other regular courses in the University catalogs.
 36. Require units to demonstrate that the course requirements of workshops and/or special courses for graduate credit which they offer are appropriate for graduate credit. Require a paper or assignment beyond that specified for undergraduate credit.

W. Hine was in support of recommendations 33, 34, and 36, but not 35. Discussion occurred with committee members concerning implication of recommendation 35. In regard to recommendation 35, there was general agreement that the quality of workshops should be determined at the college/department level. A motion was made (J. North/D. Downs) for the COE Curriculum Committee to support recommendations 33, 34, and 36. Motion carried unanimously.

Item 91-1 - Consideration of the Ten-Month Contract

It was agreed that the COE Curriculum Committee had adequately addressed this issue and that it could be removed from the agenda.

Item 90-1 - Course & Syllabi Review

Voting took place on the motion made at the February 11, 1991 meeting (i.e., "All updated departmental syllabi, not each individual faculty member's syllabi, developed for the NCATE visit are to be approved as official course outlines"). The motion carried unanimously. This item was removed from the agenda.

Update on NCATE - Dean Joley announced that the NCATE rejoinder had been submitted. A meeting regarding the rejoinder will be held on April 24 and 25 and we should be informed of the decision shortly after this date.

Adjournment - The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Carolyn Cooper
Secretary

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Next Meeting - The next meeting will be scheduled as needed.