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**COLLEGE OF SCIENCES CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES**  
**Friday, December 10, 1999 - COS Conference Room, 202 Old Main**

The College of Sciences Curriculum Committee minutes are available on the Web at <http://www.eiu.edu/~coscurr/>.

Chair Laursen called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Bower, Dr. Broline, Dr. Bruehler, Dr. Chesnut, Dr. Conwell, Dr. Eckert, Dr. Laursen, Dr. Mueller, Dr. Scher, Dr. B. Wilson, Ms. Bearden, Mr. Brady and Dean Wall

Guests: Dr. L. Bates and Dr. Karbassioon

**I. Minutes**

The COSCC minutes of 12/3/99 were approved as published.

**II. Executive Action**

1. PHY 4470 -- Change course offering from "S-even-numbered years" to "F-odd-numbered years".
2. PSY 5970 -- Change course credits from "(3-0-3)" to "(2-0-2) or (3-0-3)".

**III. Proposals**

**99:13. New Course Proposal--Economics 4690. Theory and Research. (3-0-3) F.S.**

Dean Wall presented information regarding assessment and Craig Eckert presented an assessment document approved by Faculty Senate and CAA. A brief discussion followed.

Dr. Bates presented the proposal and he and Dr. Karbassioon responded to questions from the committee members. Dr. Bruehler moved and Dr. Chesnut seconded the motion to approve the course proposal. The new course proposal was approved as amended. (YES -- Bruehler, Chesnut, Laursen, Mueller, Wilson, Brady; YES with reservations -- Bower; NO -- Broline, Eckert, Bearden; ABSTAIN -- Conwell, Scher)

Dr. Eckert requested that an explanation of his "no" vote be included in the minutes. "According to "Assessment at Eastern Illinois University: Seven Recommendations," "...Assessment, regardless of the specific form(s) taken, will not be used to pass or fail students nor to evaluate faculty." The current proposal, although reducing the percentage of the final course grade accounted for by performance on the ETS field test in economics, still incorporates performance on the standardized exam as part of the course grade. To my knowledge, no document has supplanted this one. In addition, the "Assessment at EIU" document was brought before both the EIU Faculty Senate and CAA for review and response. Thus, it is my understanding that this remains the official policy of EIU."

**99:17. Proposed Revision of Economics Major (B.A.)**

Dr. Conwell moved and Dr. Bower seconded the motion to place the proposal on the agenda. Dr. Bruehler moved and Dr. Bower seconded the motion to suspend By-Law IV.B.4 to allow immediate voting on the proposal. The motion was approved by consensus. Dr. Wilson moved and Dr. Mueller seconded the motion to approve the proposal. The proposed revision of the major was approved as amended. (YES -- Bower, Bruehler, Chesnut, Conwell, Laursen, Mueller, Scher, Wilson, Brady; NO -- Eckert, Bearden; ABSTAIN -- Broline)

**IV. Communications**

Course Proposal Format for New and Revised General Education Courses

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.

Barb Kuykendall  
Recording Secretary

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**ANNOUNCEMENT OF MEETING**  
**FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2000 -- 2:00 P.M.**  
**COS CONFERENCE ROOM, 202 OLD MAIN**  
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