MINUTES: CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE

Meeting of April 12, 1994

MEMBERS PRESENT: Professors Christensen, Eberhart, Hoerner, Tierson, and Welshon.

FACULTY GUESTS: Professors Hanaway, Sassower, and Zapata.

EX-OFFICIO: Stanbrough.

A. APPROVED MINUTES FOR MARCH, 1994, MEETING.

B. OLD BUSINESS

None.

C. NEW BUSINESS

Recommended approval of the following new courses:

FCS 308/SPAN308 (cross listed) - Cultural Civilization of Peru
FCS 337 - The Origin and Development of Russian Cultural Traditions

HIST 398 - The Vietnam War Through Film
HIST 399 - European Film - European History

HUM 111 - Introduction to Film Studies

PHIL 302 - History of Philosophy: Medieval and Renaissance
PHIL 308 - History of Philosophy: Philosophies of India
PHIL 443 - Logical Theory
PHIL 460 - Theory of Film

Recommended approval of the following course revisions:

PHIL 301 Change title and course content
   From History of Philosophy: Hellenistic, Medieval, Renaissance
   To History of Philosophy: Hellenistic

PHIL 302 Change course number to PHIL 303
PHIL 303 Change course number to PHIL 304

PHIL 309 Change title and course content
   From History of Philosophy: Asian
   To History of Philosophy: Philosophies of China

PHIL 414 Change title
   From Environmental Ethics
   To Environmental Philosophy
NOTE: Some course numbers for the philosophy courses may have to be changed due to the 5-year restriction on using the same course number when a course is discontinued. This issue has not yet been resolved.

D. AREA REQUIREMENTS REVIEW

The revised evaluation form that will be sent to the departments was submitted. Forrest will write a cover letter that will be sent to department chairs along with the evaluation form. Prior to distribution, the letter will be sent to committee members for approval.

E. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Committee supports suggestion from Jo Stanbrough that each department submitting course proposals also submit 7 copies—one for each committee member.

2. Committee recommends deleting the following statement from the catalog: "Students pursuing a major in Distributed Studies will not be eligible to earn a minor." This would allow a Distributed studies major to complete a minor in an area not a part of the major.

Additional Comments:

The committee expressed concern about the development of new courses and programs at a time when there are minimal resources to support those programs already in place. Forrest Tierson will meet with the Dean to discuss this further.

The committee also recommended the following two items for discussion at the "Faculty Advance" on Friday, April 15:

1. The possibility of using 4 digit course numbers to provide more available numbers as well as more flexibility for numbering courses within a department.

2. Allowing students with Distributed Studies majors to also pursue a minor in an area not included as a part of the major.

(Dean's Approval)

NEXT MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM AND REQUIREMENTS COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR MAY 10, 1994. PLEASE HAVE AGENDA ITEMS TO JO STANBROUGH BY MAY 4.