

M I N U T E S

COMMISSION ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES

April 28, 1975

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PRESENT: Dr. Ray Dickman (for Dr. Krebs, Chairman); Deans Johnson, Ferrari, Gilmer, Mitchell, Gray, Harper, and Lacy; Professors Carson, Nurse, Robinson, Salmon, Herakovich, and Gurel; Senators Benoit, Prof. Wills (for Furey), and Maxwell; Student Representatives Bishop (for Centracchio) and Parrish; and Visitors Dr. Ed Martin, Mr. Foster, and Professor P. Hall.

ABSENT: Deans Atwell, Talbot and Student Representatives Spence and Creasi.

1. The agenda was approved.
2. The Chairman announced that the Committee to Study Deferred Grades would meet on Friday, May 2, at 2:00 p.m. in Room 327, Burruss Hall.
3. The minutes of the meeting of April 14, 1975 were APPROVED with minor corrections.
4. The Proposal for Minors was presented by Dean Harper on behalf of Dean Atwell. The recommendation of the Committee was amended to read "Any department which offers a major may establish an official minor within that discipline by obtaining College-level approval. Each minor must consist of no fewer than 27 credit hours with a minimum average grade of "C". Minors which are approved by the Colleges must be reported to the Registrar."

It was moved and seconded that the amended recommendation be approved. The motion PASSED. The proposal for minors was APPROVED as amended (attached).

5. The Pre-medical Advising Committee Proposal was presented by Dr. P. Hall, Chemistry. Some concern was expressed that the Committee would not include all Colleges that have an interest or need to be involved. The Chairman reported that the Vice President for Academic Affairs had noted the need for Home Economics and Engineering to be given the opportunity to participate in the Committee. The Pre-medical Advising Committee Proposal was APPROVED.
6. The Request for Textbook Approval for Dendrology was deferred until all members of the Commission have an opportunity to examine the text.
7. The Chairman reported that the Vice President for Academic Affairs had met with Drs. Gilmer, Johnson, and Carson as an ad hoc committee on the "format of guidelines for approval of courses" and had determined that the outline does not include a statement of educational objectives. Furthermore, any such requirement would need to be based upon the study and considered judgement of the CUS.
8. The meeting adjourned at 4:45 p.m. with the next meeting scheduled for May 12, 1975, at 3:00 p.m. in 120 Williams Hall.

Respectfully submitted: Overton R. Johnson  
Secretary

REPORT OF THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON ACADEMIC DIRECTIONS & PRIORITIES

This subcommittee was charged with making recommendations to the Commission on two topics. Recommendations are as follows:

- I. Clarification of University Graduation Requirements (reference Item 9, page 4 of the minutes of the CUS meeting of February 10.)

University policies do not clearly state guidelines for changes in degree/graduation requirements. The subcommittee was asked to recommend guidelines for such action.

Recommendation: Changes in degree/graduation requirements resulting from the change in specific course requirements should be initiated at the department level with concurrence by the College. These actions should then be reported as information to the Registrar.

Changes in degree requirements which result from change in the number of hours required for graduation or in change of QCA must be approved by the CUS with subsequent concurrence by the University Council and, if appropriate, the Board of Visitors.

- II. Proposal for Official Minors - College of Arts & Sciences (reference memorandum from Dr. Tom Gilmer to Dr. Overton Johnson on subject topic dated June 7, 1974).

In June of 1974, the College of Arts and Sciences requested that students in Arts and Sciences be permitted to declare one or more official minors in disciplines other than their major.

Recommendation: Any department which offers a major may establish an official minor by obtaining college-level approval. Each minor must consist of no fewer than 27 credit hours with a minimum average grade of "C". Minors which are approved by the colleges must be reported to CUS and are to be recorded on the student's transcript upon graduation.

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