Minutes
Curriculum Development Committee
Alexander 220, April 25, 2001

MEMBERS
CPRESENT ABSENT
Charlie Anderson X
Cathy Clay X
David Brown X
Jonathan Lamb X
Anita Maddox X
Keith Norris X
Paul Ramp X
Candance Reaves X
Ella Ruggles X
Ann Snodgrass X
Bob Stern, chair X
Chuck Wright X
Karen Cornell X
Joan Newman X
Bill Nichols X
Cheryl Leach X
OTHERS: Cynthia Dempster, Jim Kelley, Denise Penzkofer, Ben Sugg, Greg Walters, Berta Ward

AGENDA ITEMS DISCUSSED
I. Reactivation of THEA 2250, Creative Drama
II. Physical Education Requirement (revisiting the need for two different activities)
III. New CSIT Concentrations
IV. PHED 2910: Appropriateness as a Social Science Elective
V. Approval of Minutes

ACTIONS TAKEN
I. Charles Miller briefly discussed the need to reactivate THEA 2250 in light of substantial demand from the community, significantly among teachers who need it as part of their continuing education requirements. Additionally the course may be a component of an articulation agreement with Tennessee Tech. The syllabus will be sent to CDC members this week and will be voted on at the next meeting.

II. The issue of requiring two different physical education activities for purposes of fulfilling PSTCC requirements was revisited. Cathy Clay and Denise Penzkofer shared the view of most PHED faculty that one of the important missions of our physical education program is involving students in lifetime activity and that allowing repetition of the same course or activity to fulfill requirements is not in keeping with that end. After short discussion of the merits and flaws of the separate activity requirement, as well as how student qualification for an intermediate course is determined, the committee voted to maintain the requirement for two different activities by a count of 6 votes in favor, 1 vote against, and 2 members abstaining.

III. The new CSIT concentrations with common first-year and specialized second-year curricula were approved unanimously. The 2002-03 offering will consist of three concentrations, including the current one in Programming as well as concentrations in Database Development and Internet Software Development. Greg Walters and Cynthia Dempster fielded questions from committee members about staying on “the leading edge” in terms of adequacy of equipment and diversity of graduates’ knowledge within the field and in related disciplines.

IV. The committee reviewed the appropriateness of PHED 2910, Sport in American Society, as a social and behavioral science elective in terms of content, transferability, and instructor qualification. As the course is similar in content and delivery to a sociology course (291 at UTK receives Sociology credit), it was concurred that the course meets SBS elective requirements and should remain an option.

V. Minutes from the meeting of March 15 were reviewed and approved.

VI. Last Meeting: Thursday, May 3, 2001, at 3:00 in AL 220

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