

Date: February 4, 1994
To: Members of the Academic Programs Committee
From: Julia Gergits
Subject: Next meeting and minutes for review

Our next meeting is February 10, at 8:30 a.m. in Kilcawley 2057. We will be continuing our discussion of HHS's proposals for Physical Therapy and Respiratory Care programs. In addition, we will discuss the Fine Arts proposal (attached, if you missed this week's meeting).

Below are the minutes from the February 3, 1994 meeting:

Present: Delost, Gergits, Jones, Owens, and Yemma

Most of the discussion centered on the HHS proposals for two programs: a B.S. in Physical Therapy (new program) and a B.S. in Respiratory Care (change in program). Both proposals are carefully designed, demonstrating the commitment of those involved.

Because Dean Yemma had already provided the committee with background to the proposal the previous meeting, the committee moved into questions immediately.

Beginning with the Respiratory Care proposal, Jones asked about the net gain of seventeen courses. He wondered how such a large number of new courses could be covered with so few new faculty. He was concerned about the program's apparent reliance on limited service faculty. As he understands it, there is very little limited service money available. He was also concerned that the accreditation might be slowed down with such a preponderance of LS faculty.

Yemma noted that he would consult the author, M. Haggerty, to clarify this point. He reiterated that this program is strongly supported by the faculty, President, community, and state. Pressure to create such a program is growing.

Owens suggested that the students might benefit more from a small group or interpersonal communications course than from the public speaking course now included on the program. Perhaps, he said, health care providers would have less use for a platform speaking course than for the group course. Delost and Yemma agreed that this was a suggestion worth considering.

The questions about the size of the proposed programs and the funding persisted. Owens suggested that we seek clarification from the Provost about the availability of funding for new programs.

Jones said that the numbering system for the new program is not sequential and might confuse new students. Delost and Yemma noted that the mixed numbers arose from the intermingling of an existing two-year program and the new four-year program. They believed that, once the two-year program is eliminated, the numbers can be brought into order.

Yemma recommended that the chair, acting for the committee, should seek the President's opinion about this program. Dean Yemma is certain that we would quickly get the information we were seeking.

We tabled further discussion until next week, when we will hopefully have answers to the questions that arose during this meeting.

The only further business was the review of a brief proposal from Mathematics, adding two credits to its degrees. The committee agreed that, as long as the proposed class is a two-credit class [and it is], we approve the emendation.