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TO: Academic Standards Committee

FROM: Charles Singler, Chair *CS*

DATE: November 19, 1997

SUBJECT: Minutes of November 17, 1997, Noon

Present: McCloud, Law, Sirbu, Singler, Kornbluth, Gill-Wigal, Akpom, Conser, Mears

1. Minutes of October 29, 1997 were approved.
2. Announcement: The General Education proposal will be the subject of our next meeting (November 19). William Jenkins, chair of the general education task force, will address the ASC.
3. Discussion of "Definition and Purpose of a Minor". The committee discussed several issues relative to four purposes (models) of having to study a "Minor" subject.
 - a) The minor is an extension of the major; is considered to be part of the major for purposes of career preparation.
 - b) The minor is a professional complement to the major. It provides support and breadth to the major discipline.
 - c) The minor is a liberalizing force to provide breadth and depth within the context of general education. It is evidence of commitment to study of an academic area.
 - d) The minor satisfies intellectual curiosity or completes university requirements in a convenient way (by fulfilling the credit-hour count). It may or may not have connection to one's career interests.

Related issues

- a) can one take a minor in the same department as a major
- b) capstone course in the minor
- c) notation on the transcript or diploma

Meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.