

YOUNGSTOWN STATE UNIVERSITY

INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

TO Members of the Academic Standards & Events Committee

DATE 28 October 1985

FROM Barbara Brothers, Chair (ENGLISH), ASEComm.

SUBJECT Minutes of meeting, 10/28/85, 11 a.m. Monday

Members present: P. Baldino, B. Brothers, J. Conser, T. Elias, I. Heal, R. Mitchell,
D. Rost, J. Scriven, R. Tabak, G. Tribble.

1. Minutes of 10/21st meeting approved.
2. Rost distributed attached summary* of October 23rd hearing.
3. Brothers checked with Speech and Music and Philosophy to see if they could deliver the number of courses/sections needed if new general area requirements were passed.
4. No changes recommended in Item 3 under restrictions since proposal is directed at general education requirements.
5. Arts & Sciences hearing, scheduled for WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30th at 4 p.m. in the DeBartolo Lecture Hall, room 132. Committee members attending will be: J. Conser and R. Tabak.

Our next regular meeting will be November 4, 1985, Monday, 11 a.m. in the A&S DEAN'S CONFERENCE Room.

Respectfully submitted,

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Minutes Distribution: 15

*Attachment, Summary: provided for those who were not present at 10/28/85 meeting

ACADEMIC STANDARDS & EVENTS SUBCOMMITTEE
HEARING DATE: October 23, 1985

Engineering and Business Schools

SUMMARY: COMMENTS AND CONCERNS

The main concern expressed was a question about the ability of the various departments and schools to deliver enough courses at reasonable enough times to avoid scheduling problems.

Repeated concern was expressed at the rigidity of the proposal.

The attendees generally did not agree with the increased emphasis on humanities.

Some courses required in Business are currently general area requirement courses, would they continue to be so under the proposal?

Business specifically addresses an international emphasis in some upper-division courses now, would this meet the request for international / multicultural knowledge and experience?

General Comments: (Paraphrased) (Chronological Order)

There is currently a real problem for the students and advisors trying to find a humanities course that will fit the interests of the student. A 50 % addition will not help this problem.

Why the change in emphasis from social sciences to humanities?

Was the proposal in response to an accrediting question in any department or area? "If it's not broke, don't fix it?"

Concern was expressed as to availability of courses for the general area under the proposed program, too few courses, too limited scheduling opportunities.

Business requires several 5XX and 6XX courses that are currently acceptable as general area requirements. If these are not accepted in the future, this would cause an increase in total hours.

Why three sciences, why not interdisciplinary sciences?

(The proposal is) too restrictive.

Proposal is too rigid, the inflexibility will cause problems for students and advisors.

Why the increased emphasis on humanities?

How will the international / multicultural emphasis be

implimented? Several courses in business specifically address the international emphasis, would they need additional courses in the general area requirements also?

Would there be one course from a department?

Could an engineering course be accepted as a science general area requirement course?

Could a department/school have a course accepted as a general area requirement and not open it to all students?

Why not let them enjoy a little of the 46 hours - no returned polls from the alumni indicate a request for more humanities courses in their program.

The rigidity of the proposal will force expansion of A & S and increased use of limited service personnel.

The proposal will change the enrollment in specific areas, are they going to be able to handle the increased demand?

"The number of hours is immaterial to me, we have plenty now, but I worry about the departments' ability to deliver courses as needed."

Respectfully submitted: D. F. Rost.
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