

Minutes of Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 25, 1978

Present: Abrera, McGreer, Bartos, Cole, Lair, Sheviak, Whitbeck, Shepherd

1. Joint Music Masters Program

Now that the faculty has approved the adoption of the Joint Program, the next step is to get together with the people from the Music School to define the details of the program. In order that this may be facilitated Dr. Fenske and other interested individuals from the Music School will be invited to join us at an upcoming Curriculum Committee Meeting.

2. The fate of L510

Dr. Abrera reported on a survey she made covering 57 accredited library schools in an attempt to determine what methods are being used to handle the foundation courses in the organization of materials. Among her findings were that the number of credit hours required for the MLS ranged from 30 to 41 hours and that in these schools the number required on core credits ranged from 0 (at Syracuse) to 27 hours. She pointed out that in some schools instead of credit hours, courses were stipulated, and that the maximum number of courses required as core amounted to 10. In these schools the basic cataloging courses which were required ranged from 3 hours to 6. 38 schools had the 3 hour minimum while only 1 school required a full 6 hours.

The committee realized that the 510 situation is only symptomatic of problems that are being encountered in other courses and in the curriculum in general in the light of an expanding field and our attempts to represent it in a predetermined, artificial number of credit hours.

3. Scheduling the Curriculum Committee meetings

Anne McGreer brought up the problem which some of the student members of the Committee were experiencing in attending the Curriculum Committee meetings in light of the fact that one had a class at the time we were meeting and the other a commitment to one of the student committees. It was pointed out that considerable difficulty exists in finding a time when everyone would be able to be together but that we were attempting to set up a fairly regular meeting schedule of 10:30's one Wednesday mornings alternating with convocations. The extent that outside influences permit, this schedule will be adhered to.

4. Proposed change in title and course description in L553, Dr. Kiewitt's memorandum of the 10th of October requested that the Committee turn its attention to the possibility of changing the title and course

description of L553 in the light of current terminology. Dr. Kiewitt proposed the title be changed to "The School Media Center" and that the course description be changed to "The Philosophy, functions, management, and evaluation of school media programs". After brief discussion, the committee voted unanimously to recommend that these changes be approved by the faculty for forwarding to the Graduate School.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.