CURRICULUM PROPOSAL FORM 1999-2000

NON-GENERAL EDUCATION PROCESS A

*DEADLINES: Deadline dates for 1999/2000 submissions: Regular proposals: October 22, 1999 to be implemented in Fall 2000; Short-Term proposals: December 10, 1999 to be implemented in Fall, 2000; Regular proposals February 18, 2000 to be implemented in Spring, 2001; March 24, 2000 for short-term courses to be implemented in Spring 2001.

PROPOSAL TITLE: REPLACE "COBOL" WITH "MANAGING INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS" AS A REQUIREMENT FOR THE MIS MAJOR

SPONSOR(S): DIANE HAMILTON

DEPARTMENT: MANAGEMENT AND MANAGEMENT INFORMATION SYSTEMS

COLLEGE: BUSINESS

IF LAS CHECK ONE: ___ History/Humanities ___ Math/Sciences ___ Social/Behavioral Sciences

Check one: X_Undergraduate ___Graduate

THE ATTACHED NON-GEN-ED PROPOSAL IS BEST DESCRIBED BY THE ITEM(S) CHECKED.

___ New non-gen-ed course
___ Short-term non-gen-ed course
X Minor curricular changes (fewer than three) to:

___ existing non-gen-ed course
___ non-gen-ed degree requirements
X major
___ minor, specialization, concentration, track, certificate program

DEPARTMENT
(Signature indicates approval)

Dept. Curriculum Chair / Date

Dept. Chairperson / Date

ACADEMIC DEAN

Approved ___ Not Approved ___ Comments:

Dean's Signature/Date
COLLEGE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Date of open hearing (if necessary) __________ Approved √ Not Approved ______
Comments:

Signature of College Chair/Date: [Signature] 3/4/00

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

Date Received/Processed ______
Comments:

Curriculum Chair Signature __________________________ Date Announced At Senate ______

EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT/PROVOST

Approved √ Not Approved ______ If no, reasons are as follows:
Student Credit Hours ______ Faculty Load Hours ______ Equalized Credit Hours ______
Official Copy & Approval Sheet Filed (Date): ______ Executive VP/Provost Signature/Date [Signature] 5/12/00

REGISTRAR

Date Approved Course Description Received 5/14/00 Hegis Taxonomy & Course Number Assigned None
Registrar Signature/Date Robert C. [Signature] 5/14/00

NOTIFICATION FORWARD

√ Senate Curriculum Committee Chairperson A Academic Dean(s) ______ Registrar ______ Sponsor(s)
√ Department Chairpersons
Minor Curricular Change
Change in MIS Specialization

1. Details:
   a) Change Requested: Add "Managing International Business" as a new course requirement for all business students who specialize in MIS. Delete COBOL as a requirement for all business students who specialize in MIS.
   b) Sponsor: Diane Hamilton, Department of Management/MIS

2. Rationale:
   a) Statement of Need: The results of our program level assessment in Business (the ETS Major Field Test) showed that our students do not have a good understanding of international issues in business. As this is an important perspective of business, all business students will now be expected to take a course dedicated to these issues. A new course, Managing International Business, has been proposed, and this is the course to be taken by students specializing in MIS. For several years the MIS faculty have been debating the value of including a COBOL programming course in the specialization. At this time it was decided to delete the COBOL requirement from the MIS specialization.
   b) Curricular Effect: A new 3-credit requirement is added to the MIS specialization and a corresponding 3-credit requirement is deleted. Therefore, the total requirements for the specialization remain the same.

3. Results of Consultation:
   a) List all parties consulted: The Computer Science Department was consulted on this proposal since they offer the COBOL course and need to know that the potential demand for that course will decrease over the next few years.
   b) Consultation replies: An e-mail response was received from Seth Bergmann, chair of the Computer Science Department. He has no problem with this curriculum change.
From: "Seth Bergmann" <Bergmann@rowan.edu>  
To: <hamilton@rowan.edu>  
Date: 2/9/00 11:00AM  
Subject: Re: COBOL

Diane,

In view of the fact that the usage of COBOL throughout the world is diminishing, in comparison with other languages, I support your proposal. We will continue to offer COBOL, one section per semester. In a few years it may be necessary to reduce the offering to once per year, or once every other year.

Sincerely,

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>>> "Diane Hamilton" <hamilton@rowan.edu> 02/08/00 04:19PM >>>
Following up on our phone conversation, I am submitting a curriculum proposal that will delete COBOL as a requirement for MIS majors. This wouldn't actually take effect for several years, since the curriculum change process will take a year, and then it will take another two years or so for students to fulfill this requirement. After that time, should the department decide to continue to offer this course, it is likely that some students would want to take it as part of their restricted elective bank. Would you please respond with your "ok"? Thanks.

CC: "Evelyn Amato" <Amato@groupwise.rowan.edu>, "Gerald R Arena"<Arena@groupwise.rowan.edu>