Basic Programs Curriculum Committee Minutes

May 9, 2003

Members of the Basic Programs Committee reviewed the documents submitted for curriculum and course changes. Recommendations are as follows:

I. Discussion regarding problem in the PE department.

Twofold discussion:

1. Should Basic Programs decide the outcome or should the problem be forwarded to the Dean’s office.
2. Students auditing PE courses creating safety issues and additional paperwork then they choose or not choose to attend. Specifics include:

   Students auditing physical activity courses, then
   i. attending when they choose which creates safety issues for some classes, instructional organization problems in other classes.
   ii. continual paperwork when these students do not follow university policies for audits. It ends up taking additional time and staff time to deal with the problems.
   iii. in the summer, any graduate student on assistantship can audit a physical activity class and PE receives no money for it (no tuition). Essentially, they take the class for free.

Discussion by Basic Programs Committee:

- I think the Dean’s office can take care of this matter.
- The rationale is an appropriate one. So, I support the PE department's request to discontinue allowing students to audit all physical activity classes (PE classes numbered 100-199).
- It seems to me that students are taking advantage of the PE department though. please let me know if I can be of further assistance.
- I vote to affirm whatever it is PE needs, You have my yes vote.
- Having seen the effects of activity class audits in my department, I do not think the University should allow activity class audits. I support the change.

Final vote by committee was that the Basic Programs committee agreed to support the P.E. Department to limit students option to audit Physical activity classes.

Members voting: Cheryl Wissick, Susan Schramm-Pate, Nate Carnes, Ed Cox, Eva Valdocz, Kevin Swick.