THURSDAY 1/22

CLA:
Jennifer Schell, English (15)
Brian Kassof, Social Sciences (16)
Kevin Sager, Communication (CLA 16)

CNSM:
Leah Berman, Math (16) - Chair
Larry Duffy, Science (16)

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Tyson Rinio (LIB 15)
At-Large:
Andrew Seitz, SFOS

Unit Core Assessment:
Tony Rickard, CNSM

Ex Officio:
Dean's Council Rep - Allan Morotti
OAR: Caty Oehring,
Academic Advising Ctr.: Ginny Kinne
Rural Student Services: Gabrielle Russell

Petitions:

1) We had denied a petition in December for a student who effectively was doing a W overlay on a non-W course and then petitioning for the W credit after the fact. The instructor provided more information. There was discussion by email and the committee agreed to overturn the previous denial, with the understanding that this should not be construed to be setting a precedent. **Approved.**

Commentary: the issue that caused all the problems with this particular submission, that the student was petitioning for W credit after the fact, should have been taken care of, since the Registrar's Office now has new directed and individual study forms that will route such requests to Core
Review before they are approved for W status, and we will not consider them after-the-fact.

2) Student continued petition for a study-abroad course in Namibia to receive O credit; we had more information from the coordinator of ISE. **Approved.**

3) Same student wanted W credit for a different course. **Approved.**

4) Student trying to complete a degree after a long time and lots of credits; she’s missing an O/2. She no longer lives in Fairbanks, and of the 4 distance O-bearing courses, one she’d taken and the other three had prerequisites. **Denied, but recommends provost waive the requirement.**

5) Student wanted core natural science credit for RAHI BIO 195. **Approved.**

Courses:

Continued the discussion of compressing SOC 100X to 10 days. There is a lot of concern about doing this. Technically, it’s possible to compress the class minutes into the 10 days. It’s not possible to compress the out-of-class time in 10 days without, say, not sleeping ever. Discussion that Winter/Maymester courses can work fantastically for certain courses, and it’s absurd for other courses. It was pointed out that ANTH 100X is *already* approved for Wintermester compression (!). SHouldn’t we give deference to the department’s notions about whether or not they can do a good job at such a compressed course? (Neither English nor Math is willing to offer their 3-credit core courses compressed to such a time period.)

Vote: 4 in favor, 2 against, one abstain, chair abstained as chair.

**Approved.**