# **CURRICULAR PROPOSAL 2009-2010**

# **Department of Communication & Theatre**

# **ACTION ITEMS/SUBSTANTIVE CHANGES**

## **I.List of Proposals:**

**Proposal 1:** To add COM492 Independent Study (1-3 units)

Independent investigation, under the direct supervision of a faculty member,

of a specific issue relevant to the study of communication.

Proposal 2: To add COM492 to the MOCM requirements list in which a

student must currently take one of the following: COM390, COM450,

COM490. This proposal will increase the list to 4 options for meeting this

requirement.

#### **II. Proposals with Rationale:**

Proposal 1: To add COM492 Independent Study (1-3 units)

Independent investigation, under the direct supervision of a faculty member,

of a specific issue relevant to the study of communication.

Rationale: This added option brings our department in line with the practices of most other

PLNU departments. It affords faculty and students greater flexibility and is a

recommendation from our new Dean, Dr. Fulcher.

Impact: This proposal will have no impact on library resources or physical facilities. It

should be processed according to the formula used for COM210/420 Practicum and COM422 Portfolio. As such, it will have no impact on faculty teaching load

and minimal financial implications.

Proposal 2: To add COM492 to the MOCM requirements list in which a student must

currently take one of the following: COM390, COM450, COM490. This

proposal will increase the list to 4 options for meeting this requirement.

Rationale: Including this option increases faculty and student flexibility in satisfying all

requirements for the MOCM degree.

Impact: None.

III. Syllabi and Learning Outcomes: N/A

## IV. Catalog copy:

Under "Upper-Division Core Requirements", second set of option choices:

#### **COURSE TITLE**

### Take one (1) course from the following:

| COM 390 Introduction to Public Relations     | 3     |
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| COM 450 Communication Training and Developme | ent 2 |
| COM 490 Special Studies in Communication     | 3     |
| COM 492 Independent Study                    | 1-3   |

- V. Department Vote: Approved unanimously on October 21, 2009.
- VI. Library Impact: None
- VII. Technological Impact: None

# VIII. Summary:

Total Course Additions: 1 Total Course Deletions: 0 Total Unit Additions: 1-3 Total Unit Deletions: 0

Staffing Impact: None, since there will not be any real increase in the number of courses

or units approved but merely a change in how they are recorded.

# NON ACTION OR PROCEDURAL CHANGES

# **I.List of Proposals**

Proposal 1: Modify COM450 prerequisites to include the words "...and MOCM major OR Consent of Instructor."

## **II. Proposals with Rationale**

Proposal 1: Modify COM450 prerequisites to include the words "...and MOCM major OR Consent of Instructor."

Prerequisites: JR or SR standing and MOCM major or Consent of Instructor.

Rationale: This course is capped at 18 students due to the performance nature of its content.

Additionally, it is offered once per year at present and satisfies a requirement for the MOCM major. This added prerequisite will guarantee first choice of this class

to majors who may need it to complete degree requirements.

Impact: This proposal will have no impact on library resources, physical facilities, or

faculty teaching load.