

College of Arts and Sciences Curriculum Committee  
Regular monthly meeting, October 12, 2004

APPROVED MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by chair Lynne Porter at 3:33 PM. Present, besides Chair Porter, were Cecilia Bucki, James Simon, Javier Campos, Johanna Garvey, and Lisa Newton, secretary *pro tem*. Tim Snyder arrived late.

James Simon moved, Johanna Garvey seconded, acceptance of the minutes of the previous meeting; after correcting a typo (“approed”), it was done.

There were three conditional approvals from last meeting:

CO 238, Communication and Popular Culture

MU 361, Choral Conducting Methods

PO 344, Seminar on Middle East Politics

All three have met the conditions, made the required improvements, and are now passed. Two courses from the Physics Department were rejected, and Physics is not happy with the result. What are the qualifications for math and science courses? When it was explained that ASCC wanted all new Science Core courses to undergo the new Science Core Procedure, Physics understood.

4. New Business

- a. Brian Torff’s MU 122, World Music History and Ensemble  
Note that the “heritage” paper is part of all offerings of the course.  
Bucki moved to accept, Garvey seconded, approval was unanimous.
- b. Reconsideration of how the individually designed major may be accepted and placed. Can it be a second major? Move to table until next meeting when Vincent Rosivach and Ray Poincelot will be with us. We will ask Poincelot to bring numbers: how many students actually choose this path.
- c. Development of formal academic honesty statement. Bucki introduced the History version. Simon, who headed the committee on the topic, was reluctant to force one form on everyone. Campos pointed out that it has no application to basic and intermediate foreign languages. General agreement that we need not have one standard form. Anybody remember what we decided last year? Simon noted that we can revisit the issue in Spring, send out conclusions in August, in time for Fall syllabi. There is an existing subcommittee, Jo Yarrington and Beth Boquet, from whom we have not heard. Simon moved, Bucki seconded, to call that subcommittee and find out what’s going on. Campos referred us to the workshop on plagiarism. Motion unanimously approved.

5. Old Business

- a. Report on teaching credit for mentoring, advising, directing independent studies. Phil Lane is in charge of this, not us; this is a teacher’s equity issue.

We will ask Tim what came of this. This committee is the appropriate place to hash out the recommendations of the committee. May 5 was the meeting where recommendations were finalized.

- b. The 4-4 load. Refer to the minutes of April 13, 2004. The issue is not for discussion at this time. We will transmit the conclusory document to the President for his consideration prior to addressing the UCC. (what exactly did the minutes say? The meeting goes into a mini-adjournment while Bucki searches for the document.)
- c. Timothy Snyder, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, arrived at this point and said that the Teaching Equity Committee's findings will be shared with the Dean's Council. There are four possible ways that mentoring/advising can be counted. There will be different consulting processes for different parts of the College. The emphasis will be on transparency.
- d. When we meet on the 4/4 load, Kurt Schlichting will be invited to the meeting.
- e. The mini-adjournment ended when Bucki returned with the McSweeney minutes from 4/13/04. There now seem to be a few different documents.
- f. Resolution: We will keep this issue in the Old Business category. Lynne will research the provenance and the original intent of the Bucki 4/4 document. Question to Snyder: Has the President been asked what he thinks of the 4/4 model? Answer: Fr. Von Arx offers the Fordham model as an example, 5/5 in the Core years and going down to 4/4 for the advanced courses.

The discussion will continue when next we meet, November 9, 3:30, Cns 100. (The UCC meets November 2.)

Meeting adjourned 4:45.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Newton, Secretary *pro tem*.