

**The Committee on University College**  
**Thursday April 7, 2011**  
**Minutes**

**Present:** Gerry Campbell (Chair), Acting Dean Robbin Crabtree, Ed Deak, Joe Dennin, Ryan Drake, invited guest Aaron Perkus

**Absent:** Anne Campbell, Dee Lippman

Chair Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:10.

**1. Approval of the minutes of 3/10/11.** Prof. G. Campbell moved to approve the minutes of 3/10/11, seconded by Prof Drake. The motion was approved unanimously.

**2. Discussion of the 4/5/11 UCC meeting and related issues.**

Acting Dean Crabtree reported that the UCC supported the 6 part motion and approved it by a vote of 11-1-1. There was discussion of the different administrative structures. For the next step, we should think about whether the motion should be revised to remove the "CUC recommends" wording. We can add that the UCC recommends the motion and hopefully that the EPC also recommends it.

Prof. G. Campbell reported that the original wording on the motion to close the Associate Degree program was kept through the EPC.

Assoc. Dean Perkus argued strongly that the motion is one unified piece and so should not be changed. In addition, he added several points he made at EPC:

1. Concern about the impact on the teaching experience and the wave of new students is not a concern - they are already here.
2. The question of growth in advising load is not a problem - already being done.
3. The question of why we haven't grown in what was the historic adult student market is addressed in part by the increase in on-line courses. Also the working adults taking one class per semester in the evening is a dying trend nationally.

A discussion of other issues and what to do next followed.

Acting Dean Crabtree asked: Will students - both current and new - still be well served? Prof. Boquet's office is well-placed to serve them. There is the question of workload and resources for

both faculty and the dean's office staff members. There are a lot of issues not in the document that need to be discussed by CUC next year.

Assoc. Dean Perkus noted that the UCC will be charged with looking at core and admissions issues in the fall, and other academic policy questions.

Acting Dean Crabtree indicated she would meet with Dean Solomon and Judy Dobai before then. The DSB curriculum committee will have to decide what it wants to do with various courses and programs. Dean Solomon favors closing BPS immediately. A&S already has individually designed programs and the ASCC can entertain any concepts it wants. The BPS is currently open. In the fall, the ASCC will have to vote on what to do with it and where to house it. It is important that every student be grandfathered into an appropriate program.

Prof. G. Campbell said that the next step is to present the packet at the EPC.

Assoc. Dean Perkus observed we need the draft minutes of the UCC for the EPC meeting. Acting Dean Crabtree will contact Prof. Miecznikowski about the minutes.

Prof. Drake asked who would make the case for the BPS. Acting Dean Perkus would stress that it is the only degree program customized for the adult population. The program would need a different core.

Acting Dean Crabtree raised the issue of who would qualify for the different core; it would have to be tailored for those students and need clear parameters so that inappropriate students would not be allowed in.

### **3. Petition AC to get on May agenda?**

Prof. G. Campbell: should we petition the AC to get on their agenda for May following the EPC meeting. I would prefer to wait and get a complete packet for them.

Assoc. Dean Perkus: the motion will not get to the faculty this semester.

Acting Dean Crabtree: we would like the faculty to vote in October; we can at least get a presentation on the agenda of the May 2<sup>nd</sup> AC meeting if not for a vote. It is important to find out

if there are any issues before bringing it for a vote of the faculty. The date of the new structure would be the Fall of 2012 so it does not matter if the faculty votes in October or November of 2011.

Assoc. Dean Perkus would like to keep the momentum going from the UCC approval and most likely EPC approval. So he favors a request for a vote from the AC in May; it would be an opportunity to keep going forward.

Prof. G. Campbell would prefer to wait until the fall. He would like actual approval from the EPC with approved minutes from the UCC and the EPC. We must be careful to follow the process. The AC has a full agenda now and we do not want them to feel rushed.

Prof. Dennin: prepare a committee report now to get on the agenda of the AC, but there would be no need for them to act until the first meeting of the fall.

Prof. G. Campbell can give a report at the May 5<sup>th</sup> General Faculty meeting on the approval by the UCC and EPC and the report to the AC. It would be a chance for faculty members to ask questions and raise concerns if there are any.

Prof. Deak raised the question will accreditation requirements in DSB allow for absorbing programs like BPS into the school. Will there be problems with items like the use of adjuncts?

Prof. G. Campbell admitted it could be a problem.

Acting Dean Crabtree felt the DSB undergraduate curriculum committee likely will say no to BPS, but that the ASCC could take up the question separately

Assoc Dean Perkus: the most popular track is liberal studies. A&S could house programs that bundle courses from DSB. Another issue is that students would love to get a degree from DSB, but, because of accreditation rules, can't transfer business courses from community colleges, only core courses.

Acting Dean Crabtree: there is a need to articulate with community colleges what has to be done, but that is a separate issue, and one to be taken up once we know where all of this is going.

#### **4. Another meeting necessary?**

Consensus: No more meetings!!

Prof. G. Campbell will circulate the minutes and the annual report.

Acting Dean Crabtree stressed it is important that the SVPA be aware of future relevant meetings and the importance of his being given the opportunity to address the CUC and be advised by the CUC.

## **5. Future of the CUC**

The AC has the main role in what the future of this committee will be.

Prof Deak: As there will be no more University College, this committee will have to be reconstituted.

Prof. G. Campbell noted we should offer suggestions on the future of the committee.

Prof Deak: The AC will have to consider carefully how to handle part time students and the best structure to deal with them.

Acting Dean Crabtree: Assoc Dean Perkus could be an Associate Dean in A&S doing what he does now for part-time students. Continuing students would still be handled by Elizabeth Hastings until new structures for Continuing Studies are developed.

Assoc. Dean Perkus: There is not enough work for a committee of this type. There is also the question of community outreach.

Acting Dean Crabtree: PL&E does some outreach, bringing people to campus, but it is not related to academic programs. We have to be concerned with the academic engagement of students and advocating for a diverse population of students including part-time and continuing students.

Prof. Dennin: eliminate the CUC and ask what new committee is needed.

Acting Dean Crabtree: we want faculty who are willing to discuss the relevant issues. In any event, this is a question for AC and for Committee on Committees. I think we all agree that the CUC should continue for another year to monitor changes and consult on follow-up with faculty committees and administrative offices. This is what we should advocate for with AC/C on Cs.

Prof. Drake: not simply closing the CUC but transmuting it to a new reality.

Acting Dean Crabtree: the CUC (unanimously) recognizes the superior chairmanship of Prof. G. Campbell.

The meeting adjourned at 10:28.

Respectfully submitted by Joe Dennin