

Oct. 12, 2018, CurrComm Minutes

In Attendance: Hooper, Burge, Duthley, Jacobi, Pitonyak, Sackman, Saucedo, McCall, Campbell, Thatcher, Christoph, Proehl, Gerard, Barry, Looper

Meeting called to order at noon.

M/S/P Minutes from the previous meeting, with minor amendments to be made, as suggested by Campbell.

Announcements: Program Reviews are coming in; but some others have also been postponed for a few weeks to a year. Those Reviews that have come in are being assigned to working groups.

Spring Courses (2019) need to be approved by next Friday in order to be in PeopleSoft as students prepare to register, so there is some urgency to the reviews of these courses still in working groups.

Question: one SSI-2 is under consideration, but it is also hoping to be approved as a KNOW course—should the same working group consider the course for SSI as well as for KNOW? No—the course will be assigned to a separate working group for consideration as a KNOW course.

There is paperwork coming in that proposes a new degree in Music Composition (Hutchinson). A working group will be assigned to consider the proposal.

There is paperwork coming in for two SIMs—working groups will be assigned to consider the proposals.

M/S/P proposals for the following five courses: SSI-2 197; SSI2 119; STS 354 (Connections); Religion 311 (KNOW); Religion 205 (Humanistic)

M/S/P the new boilerplate lingo required on all syllabi by administrators, although Hooper opposed the motion, because he'd oppose any motion on boilerplate lingo, other than one to abolish the requirement.....because all students are required to be familiar with the Student Handbook anyhow....including boilerplate lingo on syllabi is like wearing a belt and suspenders to keep one's pants from falling down....unnecessary redundancy.

Working Group IV – in connection with SSI-2 119 under review there was some question about what is called a Labor Contract way of grading. Much discussion ensued about whether it was up to CurrComm to ask questions about how colleagues actually grade work—is this a matter that is more appropriate for Academic Standards? And then discussion veered off into the relative merits of Labor Contract grading vs. other grading schemes. No conclusions were reached

though it was suggested the Looper apprise the CurrComm of discussions about this model when discussed at future Wednesdays at 4 gathering.

Motion to adjourn happily S/P Minutes by Hooper