

Minutes - Curriculum Committee meeting
Monday September 28, 2009

Members present: Derek Buescher; Brad Dillman; Greg Elliott; Leon Grunberg; Kent Hooper; Alisa Kessel; Kriszta Kotsis; Brad Reich; Kurt Walls; Barbara Warren; Steven Zopfi; Brad Tomhave; Alyce DeMarais

Visitor: Lori Ricigliano

The meeting was called to order by Derek Buescher (Chair) at 12:04 p.m.

There was a motion/second/passed to approve the September 2, 2009 minutes as submitted.

Next we reviewed the "Functions for the Associate Deans' Office" in regards to this committee. This overview is contained in our committee notebooks under the tab "General/Administration". DeMarais noted that, in addition to the items currently in the document, she will send out monthly Curriculum Committee Action Reports to Student Financial Services, the Dean of Students office, Career and Employment Services, the Academic Leadership Team, and to facultycoms. This will allow for dissemination of the committee's work, as well as the work of the Associate Deans' office on the committee's behalf, to campus constituents. M/S/P to accept the "Functions of the Associate Deans' Office" document as written.

Discussion was opened on the 2013-2014 academic calendar; Walls asked why the fall semester is five days less than spring semester. This is due to the addition of a second day of fall break plus the Thanksgiving travel day to fall term while ending the term prior to December 21. This led to discussion regarding lack of attendance in classes the Monday and Tuesday of Thanksgiving week since the Wednesday travel day was instated. Hooper suggested starting the fall semester earlier and ending it with the Thanksgiving break. Other options, such as starting the fall semester two days earlier, were mentioned. Next we discussed whether we wanted to address any change at all. Final decision was to table the discussion for a future date. Meanwhile, a subcommittee of Buescher, DeMarais, Elliott, Hooper, and Walls will investigate the calendar options.

Report from Working Groups

Group One – Motion to approve Hum250 – Digital Humanities

Fine Art Approaches – M/S/P

Group Two – Motion to approve History 124 - The Russian Revolution

Scholarly and Creative Inquiry – M/S/P

Group Three – Work in progress

Group Four – Nothing to report

Group Five – Nothing to report

The next discussion centered around the integration of the "integrity" language into the guidelines for the Writing and Rhetoric and the Scholarly and Creative

Inquiry seminars, it was determined that this committee needed to work with the Academic Standards Committee (ASC) on this issue as the faculty (at a full faculty meeting) saw the seminar rubric language as part of a broader set of processes regarding academic integrity put forward by the ASC. Buescher will contact Seth Weinberger, the ASC chair.

Adjournment at 12:55 p.m.
Next meeting Monday Oct 12th, noon.

Respectfully submitted,
Kurt Walls