

CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES
7 September 2005 (Wednesday)
McCormick Room

Present: Suzanne Barnett, Carlo Bonura, DeWayne Derryberry (Chair), Brad Dillman, Ashley Gray (Student), Zaixin Hong, Jim Jasinski, Grace Livingston, David Lupher, Richard Martin III (Student), Christine Smith, Linda Williams, Alyce DeMarais, Brad Tomhave, Carrie Washburn, Lori Ricigliano

Not present: Karim Ochosi

Chair and secretary. As designated convener DeMarais began the meeting soon after 8:00 a.m. and, after words of welcome and self-introductions, launched the process of electing a committee chair by paper nominations and paper ballot. The committee elected Derryberry, who presided at this meeting beginning with the consideration of subcommittees (see below). After discussion of the advantages and problems of a permanent committee secretary for the year, committee members opted for the revolving-secretary model of faculty members of the committee by surname in alphabetical order (Barnett first).

Meeting time. The meetings of the committee this fall will be Wednesdays at 8:00 a.m. Jasinski pointed out the conflict with monthly meetings of department and program chairs, and Washburn affirmed that the committee will not meet when such meetings occur.

Minutes. The committee M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 25 April 2005. (This action occurred toward the end of the meeting.)

Committee procedures. Washburn explained relevant committee documents in the notebooks distributed to new members and updates distributed to returning members. With reference to the list of specified actions customarily delegated by the committee to the Associate Dean, DeMarais announced that as a newcomer to the Curriculum Committee she will bring to the committee items 9 ("approval of all courses proposed for the old core") and 10 ("approval of courses for the Approaches categories in the new core").

ACTION Barnett M/S/P reaffirmation of the list of delegated actions with the understanding that items 9 and 10 will remain the work of the committee itself at least for awhile. (This motion passed with all "yes" votes and one abstention.)

Subcommittees. Derryberry called on Washburn, who introduced and distributed copies of the subcommittee grid and invited committee members to indicate five preferences on individual sign-up sheets. Derryberry urged committee colleagues to meet as subcommittees in person at least some of the time, not to conduct all deliberations and judgments by email.

Jasinski moved adjournment and the meeting simply ended at perhaps 8:48 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Suzanne W. Barnett
(8 September 2005)