

Curriculum Committee Minutes March 10, 2003

Members Present: Anderson-Connelly, Barry, Beck (Chair), Clark, Derryberry, Hannaford, Jasinski, Kline, Rogers, Rousslang, Sable, Sackman, Tomhave, Washburn

Beck called the meeting to order at 1:00. The minutes of February 3 and February 10 were approved.

Writing and Rhetoric Seminar subcommittee report

Sackman M/S/P acceptance of Bauska's course "The Three Big Questions" for the WR core.

Scholarly and Creative Inquiry Seminar subcommittee report

Barry briefly described a course submitted by a new faculty member (Bonura) who has yet to arrive on campus. The course is entitled "Islam and its Contexts." Discussion will resume at an appropriate, later date.

Comparative Sociology Review subcommittee report

The Department of Comparative Sociology five-year review was submitted prior to the scheduled due date. The review specifically addressed all ten questions in the document: Department and Program Curriculum Review: A Self-study Guide.

Rousslang summarized the principal changes from the department's previous degree offerings, and two questions were posed by the subcommittee:

- (1) How does the proposed change in courses required for the major (seven required courses and four electives to replace the previous six required courses and five electives) affect the pattern of core offerings and electives in the future?
- (2) Could you elaborate on why the Department wishes to revise the major in this fashion and whether assessment of learning outcomes played into the revisions at all?

Convincing answers to both these questions were promptly returned by CSOC, and Rousslang **M/S/P to accept the review.**

Subcommittee Updates

- Foreign Languages subcommittee: Continuing to assess American sign language as a foreign language.
- Communications subcommittee: Sent questions to department. Awaiting feedback.
- Art subcommittee: Has not met.
- Asian Studies subcommittee: In review process. Questions have been posed. Answers are forthcoming.

Note: The Asian Studies Program is considering the possibility that students in the future might pursue a separate major with emphasis in Asian Studies, resulting in a designation as "Asian Studies Scholar." Program administrators feel they can serve interested students better by allowing them to major elsewhere, with emphasis in Asian Studies

Washburn provided a topic for consideration as departmental reviews are written. A web site is being designed that would contain updated, current course listings reflecting **next year's** courses. As far as

hard-copy of class schedules are concerned, online course enrollment lookup will still be the most current.

Connections subcommittee: Five courses have been proposed to meet the Connections core, and Derryberry M/S/P approval of three courses:

1. **Hum 310 (Sugimoto) Postmodernism & Japanese Mass Culture**
2. **FL 375 (Sugimoto) Narrating the Nation: Japanese Literature and Modern Identity.**
3. **Comm 340/WMST 440 (Buescher)**

SIM subcommittee: Sable reported the committee has met once to discuss Biochemistry. Process is ongoing.

There will no meeting of the Curriculum Committee for the next two weeks.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Ken Rousslang