

## **Curriculum Committee Minutes April 21, 2003**

**Present:** Doug Sackman, Rich Connolly-Anderson, Ken Clark, Brad Tomhave, Linda Livingston, Duane Derryberry, Bill Barry, Carrie Washburn, Terry Beck, Cathy Hale, Sue Hannaford, Chris Kline, Ken Rousslang, and Blaire Notrica

T. Beck called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM

K. Rousslang moved to approve the minutes of March 31 meeting. All were in favor.

L. Livingston moved to approve the minutes of the April 7 meeting. All were in favor.

**Announcements:** none.

B. Barry reported on the recommendations of the ad hoc Study Abroad Task Force. That committee has recommended to the Faculty Senate that an interim (3 year) committee on Study Abroad should be formed, and that the senate give that committee the authority to: (a) approve policy, (b) approve the addition and removal of programs, and (c) oversee student selections. Barry pointed out that the first two roles impact the curriculum committee since those responsibilities fall into the domain of the curriculum committee. Details of the Study Abroad committee need to be worked out. One possibility is that the committee would operate as a subcommittee of the Curriculum Committee.

J. Jasinski moved to extend the deadline for the School of Business/Business Leadership Program review from October 15, 2003 until the beginning of the Spring, 2004 semester. Livingston explained that the extension will allow the BLP to include their new director in the review. All were in favor.

### **Subcommittee and Department Review reports:**

- Writing and Rhetoric Subcommittee – D. Sackman moved to approve English 133, "Politics of Space: Private and Public" submitted by M. Davis as a one time offering. After a brief discussion, all voted in favor.
- Connections Core: D. Derryberry reported that they were in the process of reviewing courses.
- Communication Review – L. Livingston moved approval of the Communication Department review. Livingston explained that the major elements of the review involved restructuring the major to focus on four emphasis areas each of which would culminate in a senior seminar that would be offered at least every other year and often yearly. B. Barry added that one area in which the committee went back to get more information involved the assessment of the program as a whole. The Communication Department is currently in the process of developing a pretest/posttest type of assessment. B. Tomhave asked if the elimination of Comm 360 from the Communication Core would impact other clientele (particularly Business majors). J. Jasinski explained that while that course has been refocused, it will continue to serve that function. After this discussion, the committee voted unanimously in favor for approval.
- Procedures subcommittee – Jasinski reported that this subcommittee would have business for the committee at the next meeting.
- Asian Studies – D. Sackman reported that the committee had met with S. Smithers and other members of the Asian Studies Advisory committee. Sackman anticipated bringing the report to the next Curriculum Committee meeting.

Derryberry motioned to adjourn. All were in favor.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Susannah Hannaford