

## Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting of Wednesday, October 20, 2010

Members Present: Roger Allen, Terry Beck, Derek Buescher, Alyce DeMarais, Kent Hooper, Alisa Kessel, Paul Loeb, Amanda Mifflin, Emelie Peine, Jonathon Stockdale, Brad Tomhave, Randy Worland, Alec Wrolson, Steven Zopfi; Visitor: Jane Carlin,

### Call to Order

Alyce DeMarais began the meeting shortly after 9:00 am with the news that committee chair Bob Matthews would not continue on the committee due to health issues. Derek Buescher was elected to replace Matthews as chair.

### Approval of Minutes

**M/S/P** to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2010 meeting.

### Reports from Working Groups

#### Working Group 1:

**M/S/P** to approve two course proposals:

ART 280 William Morris and His World (Fine Arts Approaches)

HUM 302 Individuality and Transcendence in Medieval Literature (Humanistic Approaches)

#### Working Group 2:

**M/S/P** to approve ENGL 139 Gender, Literacy, and International Development (Seminar in Scholarly and Creative Inquiry).

**M/S/P** to accept the Environmental Policy and Decision Making curriculum review.

#### Working Group 3:

**M/S/P** to approve Hum 300 Children's Literature: To Teach and To Entertain (Connections).

#### Working Group 4:

No Report (working on the Science, Technology, and Society curriculum review and independent study policy review).

#### Working Group 5:

Working on a Special Interdisciplinary Major proposal and the Politics and Government curriculum review.

### Review of Modifications of Curriculum Statement

**M/S/P** to approve the change of III. A. of the Curriculum Statement to include the language change of up to 2.0 units of activity credits.

Most The proposed change to section III. H. of the Curriculum Statement was discussed at length. The committee agreed that the language restricting the upper division electives outside the first major to courses outside the department/program of the first major was acceptable; however, the committee did not approve of the language that the courses must be “outside the requirements of the first major.” Hooper mentioned that the Foreign Languages and Literature Department is opposed to this requirement because the international affairs/international studies majors are inherently interdisciplinary and student choices are limited. He also stated that most departments don’t have 300-level courses that others can just drop into. There was concern regarding the impact of requirement language change on interdisciplinary programs. DeMarais noted that the International Political Economy program had addressed this difficulty by adjusting their major requirements to be more specific. It was suggested that department chairs and program heads be consulted regarding this issue.

**M/S/P** to approve the modification of the Curriculum Statement III.H. to include the phrase “outside of the department/program of the first major” but send the “outside the requirements of the first major” change back to the ASC, with note of our concerns.

Adjourn

**M/S/P** to adjourn at 9:45 am.

Submitted by Randy Worland