

Curriculum Committee Minutes
April 16, 1998

Present: Barnett, R. Fields, Fikes, Goleeke, Kline (Chair), Lupher, Mehlhaff, Neshyba, Bartanen, Washburn

Absent: Bruce, Cannon, Hooper, Proehl, Morgan, Ralls

Kline cautiously called the meeting to order at 1:09 p.m.

Minutes. **Lupher M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 9 April 1998.**

Core course proposals. Bartanen stated the expectation that additional core-course proposals will come in by 23 April for action this semester, which will require decisions at the meeting of the committee on 30 April. In view are one or more proposals in **HI** (Humanistic Perspective), one or two proposals for added **CV** (Comparative Values) courses, and possibly a proposal in **IS** (International Studies); three proposals would be from incoming tenure-line faculty, and one would be from a current faculty member. Barnett informally suggested that subcommittee chairs could set up meetings even before the receipt of the proposals.

Subcommittees:

SPECIAL INTERDISCIPLINARY MAJOR (SIM). Kline mentioned that the subcommittee looks forward to the receipt of a revised proposal by the 23 April deadline and will make sure that the proposer is aware of this time constraint.

Departmental Curriculum Self-Study document. Bartanen called attention to copies of “**draft 3**” and Washburn explained that marginal markings and underscorings in this revision indicate suggested changes in the current document, rather than changes in “draft 2,” distributed last week.

ACTION: Barnett M/S/P approval of “draft 3” of the “Department Curriculum Review: A Self-Study Guide.”

In discussion Mehlhaff and others raised questions about phrasing, and committee members altered the wording prior to approval of the document so as to tighten Review Questions # 2 and # 10; consistently these will concern “the departmental learning goals for students” (#2) and assessment of student achievement of “departmental learning goals” (#10).

The committee thanked Bartanen and Washburn for their work on this document. Goleeke then expressed concern about when the revised document will go into effect, and Washburn answered “1998-99”; the revised document thus would affect all departmental reviews due on or before 15 October 1998. Bartanen added that the revised document asks for information already included in departmental accreditation self-study reports. Barnett M/S that the revised document be in effect for all departmental-review reports submitted in the 1998-99 year and beyond. Goleeke’s interest in excusing departments, including his own, now working toward the 15 October deadline from having to use this document led to the tabling of the motion.

In the absence of the secretary, who had to leave at 1:56 p.m., the committee continued discussion, asked Bartanen and Washburn to contact departments currently doing curriculum reviews to ask if the new self-study guide could be applied, and eventually adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

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