

Curriculum Committee Minutes April 23, 1998

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

The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m.

Minutes: Field M/S/P approval of the minutes for the meeting of 16 April 1998.

Announcements Kline announced she may be on jury duty next week. Curt Mehlhaff agreed to cover as chair. Carrie Washburn announced that proposals for three core courses had come for approval, and copies sent out to subcommittees.

Departmental Curriculum Self-Study document. A motion on the table from the previous week was brought up. The motion, proposed by Suzanne Barnett, stated that the new curriculum review document be in effect for all departments submitting after May 15 1998. Ron Field proposed an amendment that would except the school of music from that requirement, as they had already invested some time in preparing their own departmental review in compliance with the old curriculum review document.

ACTION: Barnett M/S/P that departmental reviews submitted after May 15 comply with the new curriculum review document. An exception is recognised for the School of Music, which may submit their pending review according to the old document.

In discussion about this motion, Mehlhaff suggested there be put in place a mechanism for notifying departments about upcoming curriculum reviews. Bartanen suggested including it in the calendar that currently goes out to departmental chairs.

Regarding the upcoming report to the Senate. Kline opened discussion about the upcoming report of the curriculum committee to the Senate, and asked for suggestions.

Mehlhaff said a clarification from the senate regarding the role of the Committee in the 10-year core assessment would be helpful.

Bruce expressed concern about the C1 rubric in light of information received from a focus group which suggests the issue be probed more closely. Cannon said this is likely to be a very difficult process.

Neshyba suggested that the matter of computing across the curriculum be brought up as a curricular matter.

Bruce said she would like to have a clearer definition of the capstone course.

Cannon said the policy of limiting course titles to 15 characters is unduly restrictive and should be changed.

Kline suggested a volunteer committee to hold a yearly meeting about the nature of core courses, especially for new faculty. Proehl suggested an announcement at new faculty orientation would be helpful in that regard.

Neshyba wondered whether the Committee should make a recommendation about assessment on the basis of experience gained this year. Kline said that discussion will come up in scheduled discussion next fall. Mehlhaff hoped for a more ongoing statement about the charge to the Committee. Bartanen expressed the idea that it is clear that the Committee shouldn't bear all the burden of evaluating department curriculum assessment.

Other business: Kline thanked members of the committee for their efforts this year. Meeting was adjourned at 1:45

Respectfully submitted,

Steven Neshyba