

**Curriculum Committee Minutes  
February 4, 1997**

Present: Kris Bartanen, Ron Fields, Kent Hooper, David Lupher (Sec.), Curt Mehlhaff, Steven Neshyba, Geoff Proehl, George Tomlin (Chair), Mike Valentine, Carrie Washburn

The meeting came to order at 12:05, and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Carrie Washburn unveiled the now official name of the new interdisciplinary major approved at the last meeting. It is Special Interdisciplinary Major, with the acronym SIM.

On behalf of the Communications I Subcommittee, Steven Neshyba presented a document prepared by chairman Chris Kline regarding the subcommittee's deliberations on a course proposed by Inger Brodey. The statement reads as follows:

The Curriculum I Subcommittee reviewed the course proposal submitted by Inger Brodey entitled "Freedom and Authority: A Freshman Seminar in Writing." We find that the course meets all of the requirements of the written core save the inclusion of a writing resource text or manual and explicit mention of word processing for the revision of written work (a practice in Inger's courses). We have contacted Inger about adding both and she will forward the revised syllabus to us. We believe the course will provide substantive opportunities for writing about major literary and philosophical ideas. We unanimously recommend approval.

Upon the presentation of this recommendation, there was some discussion about the propriety of including this course in the Humanities Program, but it was agreed that those in charge of that program could be trusted to assess its appropriateness for that rubric. The central question for us was that the course indeed meet the Communication I guidelines, and there was universal agreement with the subcommittee that it in fact did so.

***M/S/P That "Freedom and Authority: A Freshman Seminar in Writing" be approved as meeting the guidelines for the Communication I Core Requirement.***

Next, another recommendation composed by the absent Chris Kline was read, this one in her capacity as chair of the International Studies Subcommittee:

The International Studies Subcommittee met to review a proposed course submitted by Johanna Schoss entitled "Tourism and the Global Order: International Encounters in Politico-economic, Environmental, and Cultural Perspective." The course is an examination, across African and Caribbean cultures, of the interconnections and transactions (financial, cultural, social, political) of global tourism. We find that the course meets, in substantial ways, the requirements of the International Studies Core and the requirements (multicultural and attention to writing) of all core courses. We unanimously recommend approval of the course for International Studies.

The full committee enthusiastically echoes the subcommittee's assessment of this course.

***M/S/P That "Tourism and the Global Order" be approved for the International Studies Core Requirement.***

The committee was adjourned at 12:40

Respectfully and tardily submitted,

David A. Lupher, Sec.