

Curriculum Committee Minutes  
Wednesday, September 23, 2009

Present: Gwendolyn Barnes-Karol (Chair), Jo Beld, David Booth, Mary Cisar, Vicki Harper, Maria Kelly, Heather Klopchin, Anna Kuxhausen, Elizabeth Lampman, Justin Merritt, Greg Muth, Kathy Tuma, John Schade, Gregory Walter

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 p.m.

Subcommittee Announcements and Motions:

- a) Policy and Planning (Chair, David Booth). Mary Cisar announced that the subcommittee heard and denied a petition concerning FOL.
- b) Assessment Subcommittee. Chair Vicki Harper announced that the subcommittee would draft a letter concerning next steps for the assessment of Departmental ILOS. This will be brought to the next meeting of the Curriculum Committee on October 14.
- c) Continuing Programs Subcommittee. Chair Greg Muth announced the appointment of a new Director of ORC: Jeanne Willcoxon. Discussion ensued about the scope of the ORC Director's responsibilities, especially in comparison to the Director of WRI. The Continuing Programs Subcommittee will consider this issue further.
- d) New Proposals Subcommittee. Chair Heather Klopchin moved that the following new course proposals be approved by the Curriculum Committee for presentation on Green Sheets to the faculty as whole for approval at the October 1, 2009 Faculty Meeting. After being seconded, the motion carried.
  - Chemistry 390 The Literature of Chemistry (.25)
  - Classics 121 "Western" Greeks and Eastern "Barbarians" in Antiquity (GE: HWC)
  - Dance 200 Improvisation: Practice and Performance (.25)
  - English 248 Literature and Sport (GE: ALS-L)
  - History 292 Muslim Societies in sub-Saharan Africa (GE: MCS-G/MCG)
  - Music 234 Indian Music History and Performance (GE: ALS-A, MCS-G/MCG)
  - Psychology 220 Socioemotional Development in Cultural Context (GE: MCS-G/MCG)
  - Psychology 222 Psychology of Hearing (GE: MCS-D/MCD, IST/NST)
  - Religion 224 Christianity and Social Power (GE: BTS-T)
  - Religion 267 African-American Religious Thought in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century (GE: BTS-T; MCS-D/MCD)
  - Religion 282 The Theology of Reinhold Niebuhr (GE: BTS-T)
  - Social Work 125 Racism and Sexism in American Family Life (GE: MCS-D/MCD)
  - Sociology/Anthropology 245 Crossing Borders: Transnational Migration in a Globalized World (GE: HBS)

After discussion, it was moved and seconded that the following two new course proposals be added to the Green Sheets for presentation at the October 1 Faculty Meeting. The motion carried.

Biology 145 Ornithology (0.25)

Economics 219 Property and Vocation (GE: HBS and ORC)

Other Business and Announcements:

- a) Elizabeth Lampman gave an update on Student Senate efforts to find additional student members for the Curriculum Committee. She also asked that CC subcommittees consider how to include students as participants in subcommittee conversations, not merely as observers. CC subcommittees were charged with this task.
- b) David Booth reported on his conversation with Jim McKeel, Chair of the Faculty Governance Committee, concerning *ex-officio* and student memberships for the Curriculum Committee; specifically, about our proposal that the Director of Evaluation and Assessment be an *ex-officio* member of CC, and that more than three student members be permitted, so that the number of student members may be equal to the number of subcommittees. He reminded us that changes in the Faculty Manual require a lengthy process, including approval by the Board of Regents.
- c) Gwen Barnes-Karol reported on her conversation with student members of the Board of Regents Student Committee about issues concerning gender balance at St. Olaf across the curriculum and in other areas of student concern, in comparison to national trends.
- d) Mary Cisar announced the English Department's intent to change English 374 (Screenwriting) from Level III to Level II. The course will be re-numbered and it will be re-listed in the proper sequence in the Academic Catalog.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:46

Respectfully submitted,

Vicki Harper

Secretary *pro tempore*