

**Minutes of the New Course Proposals Sub-Committee of the Curriculum Committee**  
10/22/08

Meeting started at 3:30 with Greg Walter, Justin Merritt, Sylvia Carullo, John Schade, Phyllis Larson, Kathy Granquist and Matt Jobe present

Committee considered proposals for two new off-campus interim courses in Morocco and approved them. Discussion was very positive with no dissenting voices.

Committee then took up discussion on the proposal for a Science Conversation proposal.

In the first point of discussion, committee expressed some confusion about what was going to be considered catalog copy, and it was suggested that we compare to other conversations and would need to request revision.

We established a goal of presenting this proposal to the entire faculty before the end of fall term.

Greg Walter brought up the point that he and David Booth were asked to consult on the third course last year, specifically to weigh in on the BTS-T and HBS justifications.

Matt Jobe asked if the BTS-T guideline explicitly aimed at Christian teachings and Jesus Christ was sufficiently robust. Committee discussed this point and concluded that we needed more information on how this guideline was to be met.

Committee also raised questions about the breadth of the 1<sup>st</sup> course (Origins and Revolutions). We also concluded that a meeting with the authors of the proposal would be helpful.

Other discussion points included an agreement that the HBS designation was fine, but there were questions raised about how IST/SED credit will be distributed.

Kathy suggested that she would ask whether or not we had the final documents.

Committee decided to ask for a meeting with the authors before any modifications would be requested to the proposal.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35.