

# Curriculum and Educational Policies Committee

Meeting Minutes – March 3, 2004

Present: C. Anderson, D. Booth, M. Cisar, A. Hanson, M.S. Lovett, P. Zorn, and T. "Dapper" Rusert.

Call to order: 3:20 PM

The Committee approved the revised minutes from the 2/25/04 meeting with the small addition of wording in reference to Biology 110.

Mark Allister, Chair of the English Department, presented the Changes to the English Major as outlined in his February 11, 2004 document to CEPC: Replacing English 223 requirements with one course from a group described as "'Global Literatures in English, 1850-Present,'" and changing English 399 from a required course (no longer a capstone seminar) to an optional course. After a lengthy discussion, the committee will wait a week to act on the motion. The issues discussed included: departmental advising; the options for more creative writing classes; and more visibility for the "in translation" classes for the ALS-L credit.

Mary Cisar, Registrar, presented a petition from a student to be excused from the PHA requirement due to a physical disability. A discussion followed regarding the waiving of, or designing an alternate route to meet, the requirement. Mary will revisit with Cindy Book to see if an alternative route can be arranged for the student to meet the requirement.

Mary Cisar presented the two name changes for courses in the Chemistry Department: Chem 111, from Fundamentals of Chemistry, to Chemistry in the World, and Chem 120, from The Chemistry of Life's Beginning, to Stirring the Primordial Soup. The Committee discussed these but was not persuaded that the changes were an improvement in accuracy or appeal. Mary will talk to Beth about the possibility of changing the descriptions instead.

Mary Cisar also presented to the Committee some additional changes made by departments to titles. After discussion, David Booth, as Chair of the Committee, suggested that the Registrar should be empowered to make any corrections she deemed as "housekeeping" without consulting the Committee.

Mary Cisar noted that the wording in several academic policies is being proposed for the new catalog. Some changes are substantial, while others are merely to bring the wording in line with practice. Mary will present these to the Committee in the coming weeks. David Booth suggested she talk with Jim May to determine which, if any, changes the Faculty as a whole needs to approve.

Meeting Adjourned at 4:45

Submitted by Mary Susan Lovett