

**Minutes of University Enrichment Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, 16 February 2012**

Present: David Akers, David Andresen, Danny McMillian, Sarah Moore, Heidi Orloff, Dawn Padula, Carl Toews,  
Stacey Weiss, Wayne Rickoll. *Guest speaker:* Carl Fields.

The meeting was called to order at 8:03 a.m.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Attention was called to the orthographic malfeasance of the last set of minutes. Said minutes were approved with a hearty round of chuckling.

**2. Announcements**

- a. There were no announcements.

**3. New Business**

- a. Release time applications:
  - i. Following languid discussion, it was unanimously agreed that release time cannot, in general, be factored in as part of a sabbatical.
  - ii. One application for release time was received. It was unanimously approved.
- b. Trimble Awards:
  - i. Carl Fields gave an illuminating overview of the Trimble Award, reviewing both the formal language of the award and how it works in practice as part of the Asian Studies program.
  - ii. There was some agreement that perhaps the formal description in the faculty handbook should be updated to reflect the reality of its implementation.
  - iii. The question of “to what extent does quality matter” was debated at some length. The issue is that the grant founder is a big fan of China and would like to support China-based work. Should such work trump higher quality work with a different geographical focus? No hard and fast rules were agreed upon, though it was agreed that the issue merited reflection.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 a.m.

*-Submitted by Carl Toews*