

**Curriculum Committee Minutes
May 5, 2003**

Members Present: Anderson-Connelly, Beck (Chair), Clark, Hale, Hannaford, Jasinski, Kline, Livingston, Notrica, Ricigliano, Rogers, Rousslang, Sable, Sackman, Tomhave, Washburn

Beck called the meeting to order at 1:05.

A rigged lottery selected the minute-taker for the day.

Art Review subcommittee report. *No report.*

Asian Studies subcommittee report.

Sackman reported that they were not ready for the final approval process, however the committee has addressed a number of issues regarding the change in status of the Asian Studies Major. A number of questions, including timing for implementation, requirements for a potential minor, advising within the program, role of the director, and the details of designation of "Asian Scholars" were posed. A long discussion ensued. The process is ongoing.

Note: The Asian Studies Program is considering the possibility that students in the future might pursue a separate major with emphasis in Asian Studies, resulting in a designation as "Asian Studies Scholar." Program administrators feel they can serve interested students better by allowing them to major elsewhere, with emphasis in Asian Studies

Program Designation Criteria.

Because the Asian Studies proposal represents departure from current curricular structures (the major and minor), the Curriculum Committee recognizes the need to establish a clear set of criteria for approval of program requests to create "designations." The Curriculum Committee will approve requests to create program designations when certain criteria are met. These criteria are under discussion.

A number of CC members raised concerns about whether the Asian Studies "designations" would set a precedent for other programs. Of particular concern is whether program designations would eventually necessitate or produce a one-to-one mapping of programs to multi-disciplines, and majors to single disciplines.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.

Respectfully submitted by luck o' the draw,

Ken Rousslang