

**Curriculum Committee Minutes
October 3, 2002**

Present: Anderson-Connolly, Barry, Beck (chair), Clark, Derryberry, Goldstein, Hale, Kline, Mehlhaff, Rogers, Rousslang, Sable, Sackman, Tomhave, Washburn, Weinman-Jagosh.

Beck called the meeting to order at 8:02 a.m.

Minutes: The minutes of the meeting of September 12, 2002 were approved.

Announcements: Barry asked the committee to remind their colleagues that proposals for the new Core were due by October 11.

Kline asked the committee to remind their students of the Anita Hill talk this evening.

Approval of 2003-2004 full Academic Calendar and the 2006-2007 basic Academic Calendar: Washburn handed out copies of the guidelines that are used to generate the school calendars. A brief discussion followed concerning the recent campus survey asking whether reading period should remain in the calendar. Tomhave noted two changes to the new calendar: 1) The Registrar has extended open registration by a week, and 2) the Add/Drop period will begin on the first day of classes.

Kline M/S/P a motion to approve both the 2003-2004 full Academic Calendar and the 2006-2007 basic Academic Calendar.

Discussion of labeling and numbering of Freshman Seminar courses: Barry said the issue is how the Scholarly and Creative Inquiry and Writing and Rhetoric Seminars will be organized in the Bulletin. He gave three reasons to label them something like "SCIS" and "WR" and thereby put them outside of the departments in which they will be taught: 1) these core areas are approved as non-major courses and may be interdisciplinary courses; 2) if a departmental label like "HIST" is used for some of these courses a student may confuse them with courses that apply to the History major; and 3) it would cost more to print a bulletin with courses listed under departments as well as in a separate listing. In the ensuing discussion several more reasons were offered for listing these Seminars separately. Washburn pointed out that some of these courses won't necessarily fit in a single department and it would not be sensible to put them under a department label. Beck thought a separate designation might encourage students to try a course in a field that they otherwise wouldn't if it had a department label. Barry added that a separate designation might help get students to discover courses taught in smaller departments. Some expressed concern about a separate listing. Rogers felt the course title and description might not clearly reflect the course content. Goldstein suggested that a phrase like, "will appeal to students interested in fields such as English, History, Classics" appended to the Bulletin descriptions might bring truth in advertising. Rousslang and Mehlhaff asked if assigning advising sections to these courses might lead to faculty members advising students in fields outside of their discipline. Washburn explained that advisee assignments can be handled in the same manner as is currently done by Jack Roundy.

Mehlhaff M/S/P a motion to list these seminars under a separate category such as "WR" and "SCIS" in the Bulletin.

Discussion of subcommittee/committee deliberation and approval process: Beck explained that a member of the CC wondered if there would be an opportunity to review some of the new course proposals before they were brought to the whole committee for a vote to approve or deny these courses. The subcommittee deliberating on these courses had expressed several concerns with this request: 1) as the deliberative process took place e-mail and other communications of the subcommittee were the property of the subcommittee chair; 2) sometimes the subcommittee deliberates to the last minute, so the logistics of getting the final proposal to yet another party would be difficult; and 3) was this an appropriate oversight of a subcommittee's

work? Beck said that the request was made by a member of the group that wrote the guidelines for some of the new courses and was curious about how the guidelines would be interpreted. Members of the committee felt it would set a bad precedent and that even though the request wasn't meant to be invasive it could easily become so. It was eventually agreed that existing processes provide all necessary oversight and no changes would be made at this time.

Derryberry M/S/P adjournment at 8:52 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kenneth Clark