

UUF Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the Meeting of October 6, 2005

Present: Julie Amon, Russ Borski, Stephen Britcher, Gary Chottiner, Steven Eppell, Don Feke, Lynne Ford, Steven Hauck, Peter Lagerlof, Lynn Lotas, James McGuffin-Cawley, Sandy Piderit (Acting Chair), Gary Previts and Peter Whiting

Also present: Robin Dubin, Joyce Jentoft, and Stuart Youngner

I. Announcements: Acting Chair Sandy Piderit welcomed all present. She said that Professor John Blackwell had resigned from the committee and as the chair as he has accepted the position of Associate Dean in the Case School of Engineering. When his vacant position on the committee is filled, the committee will elect a replacement as chair for this year.

II. SAGES Update: Peter Whiting reported that all is well with SAGES. There have been reports of some student dissatisfaction with SAGES being the only GER choice available. The self-appointed Student Advisory Board is following this; Dean Whiting has not received any signed petitions. He expects that a number of new University seminars will be offered in the spring semester.

III. The minutes of the meeting of September 1 were approved as distributed and with the addition of Professor Peter Lagerlof as attending.

IV. Updates on Curricular Activities of Constituent Schools.

V. Old Business:

A. Proposal from Dept. of Bioethics to discontinue cross-listing of their BETH 271 course as RLGN 271 and PHIL 271 had been discussed at some length in the first meeting. As the primary concerns of the committee then were about the impact of this on students, especially majors in Religion and Philosophy, the discussion continued with additional figures on the possible effect for those students. Stephen Butcher proposed a MOTION that these two department chairs lower the cap on numbers permitted in the course and retain the cross-listing. The motion was seconded and discussed, with the addition of 10 being a reasonable cap from each department, while the School of Medicine and the university try to arrive at a solution on tuition flow. There is potential of this to also affect MSASS. This MOTION WAS TABLED while the details are worked out and put into writing.

**[That agreement has been accepted and memo sent to the University Registrar, with the departments of Religion and Philosophy to issue permits to their majors; all other interested students will register under the BETH 271 code.]

B. SAGES Oversight is to be addressed as an ongoing issue. It was suggested that this be combined with the request from the UUF Executive Committee (VI. A.) to define strategic priorities this year. One concern is on how to divide these oversight responsibilities [between the UUFCC and the UUFXC]. The UUF Executive Committee will gather information from several sources to fulfill its mandate to provide oversight to SAGES. It was also noted that it is early in SAGES to be able to do much evaluating but that some feedback from instructors would be valuable.

VI. New Business:

B. BIOC 373 SAGES Departmental Seminar and changes to the B.A., the B.S. and Minor in Biochemistry programs. Professor Joyce Jentoft reported that these changes are to accommodate SAGES, and permissions have been given by all affected departments. MOTION to approve was unanimous.

C. CAFs from CSE: EECS 370, 399L, 399M, 399N and USSO 228 - discussed and approved.

D. CAFs from WSOM: USSO 232, ORBH 370 and ECON 120 - discussed and approved. There was some further discussion on ECON 120 as being a type of service course. Professor Dubin said this course was approved "one-time-only" and was very successful. Others present agreed that a number of departments offer similar type courses though they may differ widely according to need and goals. This course might provide a study example for future consideration of required co-curricular activities.

E. CAF from CAS: Modification in Minor Childhood Studies - approved

F. CAF from CAS and SOM: Modification to Major in Public Health Studies - approved.

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

Lynne E. Ford
Secretary pro tem