

Committee on Academic Policy
Minutes for October 1, 2009

In attendance: Professors Debra Boutin, Todd Franklin, Katharine Kuharic, Kyoko Omori, Edith Toegel, Jonathan Vaughan, and Associate Dean Patrick Reynolds.

The meeting was convened at 4:10 PM.

September 24 minutes were approved.

The Comparative Literature concentration proposal was discussed. Nancy Rabinowitz will be invited to address our questions, or speak with the CAP on October 22nd.

Jon will report at the October 6 Faculty meeting on transition to cumulative grade point, class rank and registrar's software. The new GPA will be calculated on the 4.0 scale for all students, as the technical impediment has been solved.

Course Change Forms:

Jon reported that GEO 380 permission wording has been resolved.

Courses (Islamic Studies, Physics, Sociology) were reviewed by committee. "One Time Change Request" to increase enrollment to 60 students in Sociology **240S** was approved.

The committee raised questions about a proposed new Geomicrobiology course that follows trip to Antarctica. There were questions about the "mechanics" and timing of the course, its openness to all students, and its cross listing by other departments.

DSJP has contacted Jon regarding CAP implementation of curriculum relevant to the CEC goals. Todd said focus was currently on "Difference instead of Diversity"...and that it was an ongoing discussion. Todd and Jon will meet with representatives of the DSJP for further discussion.

Jon noted the Redbook' reference to the committee's charge to review Writing courses and College Seminars. It was noted that there were still references to sophomore seminars in the Red Book and in the Catalogue.

Jon reported that Biology department has moved its external review to spring and that Asian Studies has been added to the spring list. Debra Boutin and Craig Latrell will be the subcommittee for Asian Studies, and Dan Chambliss and Kyoko Omori will be the subcommittee for Biology.

Jon updated committee on the ongoing Communication department review.

Jon has been invited to meet on October 23 with bookstore manager Jennifer Phillips, Carl Rubino and Lydia Hammesley regarding the book ordering policy and the problems with the formula they use.

Todd reported on access to mandatory class trips, and reported that there is no direct support for such endeavors and outlined the Aid Office's loan policy.

We discussed draft documents from Pat Reynolds regarding short-term off-campus trips that are required for courses.

Meeting adjourned 5:50 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Katharine Kuharic