

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences

Committee on Curricula and Courses

Minutes of the Meeting of February 27, 2001

(Revised and approved May 8th, 2001)

The committee was called to order in Room 162 of the Dodd Center at 3:30PM. Present were Jane Knox (Chemistry), Veronica Makowsky (CLAS), Sjeff vanden Berg (COMS.), Kentwood Wells (EEB), Jack Manning (English), Dean Hanink (Geography), Frank Costigliola (History), Harry van der Hulst (Linguistics), James O'Donnell (Marine Sciences), Gerald Liebowitz (Math), David Knecht (MCB), Thomas Bontly (Philosophy), Robert Henning (Psychology), Nalini Ravishanker (Statistics), and Mary Crawford (Women's Studies).

Guests: Dean Ross MacKinnon (CLAS)

a) Sjeff van den Berg was appointed secretary.

b) Jim O'Donnell discussed the major differences and points of agreement between the Task Force and the CLAS CC&C General Education Requirement proposals. Among these are

- o Agreement on the creation of a General Education Oversight Committee with the dissenting opinion that the Committee should be under faculty control and be chaired by a faculty member.
- o Agreement on facilitating transfer between schools/colleges, to be accomplished by reducing University-wide GERs.
- o The necessity to educate students as to the intellectual purpose of General Education requirements.

c. A number of changes to the CLAS proposal were discussed and implemented:

- o The wisdom of dropping the number of Q courses from 2 to 1 was discussed, resulting in a return to 2 Q-courses.
- o In a discussion of the practice of using major requirements to satisfy GERs, the so-called "double dipping" practice, the Committee reaffirmed its position of no objection to this practice.
- o The Committee decided to adopt the text on Foreign Language requirements on p. 10 in the Task Force's Report and to add it to the CC&C proposal.

- To insert the words " University-Wide" in the title of the proposal, so that it would read : "CLAS C&CC REPORT ON WAYS TO REFORM THE PRESENT *UNIVERSITY-WIDE* GER SYSTEM"
- To add emphasis to other Schools and Colleges' ability to impose requirements in addition to the ones listed in the University-wide GER proposal
- The requirement that a student's major department or program teach at least one W course and that resources could be shifted to another Department or School to teach W courses.
- To shift Diversity courses to the Skills portion of the GER, with Language, W and Q courses
- On the CC&C proposal p. 4, item 11: "UConn" was changed to "GEOC" and " except language and writing (both of which we are now terming graduation, not GER requirements)" was removed from that paragraph.
- Also on p.4, under Advantages, (third bullet) : "from 10 to 7" was changed to "from 10 to 8", and the sentence : "It also eases transfers from community colleges" was added to that paragraph.
- On page 3. Item 2, from " evaluate the present 'W' system" the word "present" was removed.

- c. Dean MacKinnon thanked the Committee for its efforts
- d. Meeting was adjourned