

# Minutes of the Curriculum Committee

## 26 October 2006

**In Attendance:** Heike Alberts (Geography), Steven Betivenga (Biology), Todd Borgerding (Music), Miles Maquire (Journalism), Simon Sibelman (Foreign Languages)

The meeting was called to order by chair, Simon P. Sibelman at 3:00 PM.

The minutes of the meeting of 21 September 2006 were approved as distributed.

### Old Business

Representatives of the Math Department responded to those reservations the committee had concerning Math 348/548 (*Introduction to Ring Theory*). Before voting on the proposal, the committee requested that several additional lines be added to the language concerning the specific work graduate students would be required to do in this course. Such language will be submitted to the COLS Office in the next four days. The committee subsequently voted to accept the proposed course.

No representative was present from the Art Department to respond to questions raised at the last meeting. As a result, **the proposal for Art 481 was tabled**. The Chair urged the Art Department to send a representative to address the committee's questions.

### New Business

The committee voted to accept agenda items 1-16 and 19-32. Item 4 had to replace the first page on the advice of the Registrar's Office and Advising.

**Items 17 and 18 were tabled**. The Committee would like the faculty person responsible for oversight of Interdisciplinary Studies to come to the next meeting in order to answer questions and concerns raised in this meeting.

Members representing the Registrar's Office and Advising raised some significant concerns about PBIS courses and their growing inability to prepare students for the math requirements of many science courses. Similar concerns were about TBIS courses. A memo outlining the problems will be sent to the chair who will distribute it so the committee can consider any action that might be taken.

### Agenda items are referenced below:

Old Business – previously tabled proposals

1. MATH 348/548: Introduction to Ring Theory – new course (elective) – **additional language to be added and submitted to the Dean's Office as noted above**
2. **ART 481: Art Seminar – description and prerequisites changes**

New Business - new curriculum proposals

1. BIOLOGY 108: Honors: Concepts in Biology – prerequisites change
2. GEOLOGY 110: Honors: Geology – prerequisites change

3. COMM 112: Honors: Fundamentals of Speech Communication – prerequisite change
4. ENGLISH 110: Honors: Composition – prerequisite change
5. ENGLISH 228: Honors: Modern American Literature – prerequisite change
6. ENGLISH 229: Honors: African American Literature – prerequisite change
7. PHIL 106: Honors: Ethics – prerequisite change
8. PHIL 110: Honors: Introduction to Philosophy – prerequisite change
9. RELSTDS 110: Honors: World Religions – prerequisite change
10. PSYCH 104: Honors: General Psychology – prerequisite change
11. PSYCH 302: Honors: Abnormal Psychology – prerequisite change
12. INTRDSCP 175: Honors: Seminar – prerequisite change
13. INTRDSCP 271: Honors: The Culture Connection – prerequisite change
14. INTRDSCP 272: Honors: The Culture Connection II – prerequisite change
15. INTRDSCP 475: Honors: Senior Seminar – prerequisite change
16. COMP SCI 125: World Wide Web Development – prerequisite change
17. INTRDSCP 351: Special Topics: Fine Arts – new course
18. INTRDSCP 352: Special Topics: Humanities – new course
19. PHIL 205: Ethical Issues in a Diverse Society – prerequisite change
20. PHIL 311: Bioethics – prerequisite change
21. PHIL 316: Introduction to Cognitive Science – prerequisite change
22. PHIL 327: Philosophy of Mind – prerequisite change
23. PHIL 330: Business and Ethics – prerequisite change
24. PHIL 422: Philosophy of Language – prerequisite change
25. POLI SCI 301: European Union Politics – new course
26. Political Science Major – add POLI SCI 301 to subgroup 4
27. GEOG 121: Physical Geography I: Weather & Climate – prerequisite change
28. PSYCH 371: Research Methods I – units, title, description, component changes
29. ANTHRO 314/WOM STDS 314: Native American Women – new course
30. WOM STDS 347: Race, Class, Gender in American Film – prerequisite change
31. COMM 329, 347, 425 & 426 (RTVF) – prerequisite changes
32. MPA Program – discontinue cooperative masters degree program

### **Announcements**

The committee's next meeting will be on Thursday, 16 November 2006 at 3:00 PM.

The meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM

Respectfully submitted,  
Simon P. Sibelman,  
Chair