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UNIVERSITY CORE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

September 20, 2006

9:00 – 10:00 - 325 Burruss Hall

- Present:** Quinton Nottingham, David Ford, Ron Daniel, Esti Sheinberg, Donna C. Ratcliffe, Cindy Wood, Elisabeth Klughardt, Bonnie Rosen, Peter Doolittle, Marlene Preston, Phil Radtke, Ginney Fowler, Leon Geyer, Neil Hauenstein
- Guests Present:** Susanna Rinehart, Carolyn Meier, Bob Jones, Ray VanDyke, Karen Strickler, Bonnie Alberts
- Absent:** Clare Dannenberg, Kathryn Albright, Jeff Connor

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Quinton Nottingham.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairman Nottingham asked if there were any additions to the Agenda. Bob Jones requested a brief discussion of his draft of the *Student-Defined Liberal Education Option at VT* be added to 'New Business.' A motion was made and seconded to approve this addition to the Agenda. Motion carried.

3. INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE MEMBERS-

A current roster of committee members was distributed. Each Committee Member introduced themselves, in addition to staff member Karen Strickler, out-going Recording Secretary of the UCCC, and her replacement, Bonnie Alberts.

4. COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS

- Subcommittees – the UCCC is subdivided into three working groups to allow simultaneous progress on different fronts. The three working groups are:
 - Proposal Review Group
 - Planning and Direction Group
 - Core Assessment GroupA list of the current Members of the following subcommittees was circulated among the members for their review. Each member was asked to volunteer for a subcommittee.
- Subcommittee Conveners – Conveners of each subcommittee will be determined after all members have signed up for one of the three subcommittees.
- Election of Vice Chair – Chairman Nottingham indicated that he recently e-mailed the Committee requesting a volunteer for the office of Vice-Chair. To date, no one has responded.

5. REPORT FROM THE PROPOSAL REVIEW GROUP

First Reading – The following course proposals were distributed to UCCC members at this September 20, 2006 meeting. Copies were mailed to those unable to attend.

BC 3115-3116, Building Culture, a History of Construction, Area 2 and Area 6, effective spring 2007.

After a lengthy discussion, a motion was made and seconded to return the proposal to the department for further clarification concerning how Course Numbers BC 3115-3116, will fit into the Building Construction curriculum, and to clarify the rationale for these courses in Areas 2 & 6. Motion carried.

6. OLD BUSINESS –

Status of Name Change Resolution – Chairman Nottingham gave a history of the UCCC Resolution which came from the Ad Hoc Steering Committee’s recommendation to change the University Core Curriculum to *‘Curriculum for Liberal Education’* and to change the name of the University Core Curriculum Committee to *‘University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education.’* The Resolution was approved electronically by the UCCC on April 3, 2006.

On September 18, 2006, the Resolution was presented to University Council for their consideration and approval. Susanna Rinehart, Assistant Provost for Liberal Education and University Studies, attended the meeting and reported that a decision was not made after the Resolution’s First Reading. If the Resolution is passed, the name of the UCCC will also change.

7. NEW BUSINESS –

Pilot Study Phase of The Student-Defined Liberal Education Option at Virginia Tech – Bob Jones distributed a handout explaining the Pilot Study Phase of the Student-Defined Liberal Education Option at VT. This option is intended for students who have completed 30 credit hours or have enrolled for a minimum of 30 credit hours, but no more than 60 credit hours. The purpose of the Pilot Study is to construct a Committee of Academic Associate Deans, Program Directors, and Academic Advisors, for a limited number of students. The following are the phases of the Study:

- a. 2006-07 and 2007-08 – Pilot Study Phase
- b. 2007-08 – Governance
- c. 2008-09 – Full implementation of program for Colleges willing to adopt

This was presented to the Committee as an information item.

University Center for Undergraduate Education – Ron Daniel presented the Course of Study Planner being used this semester in conjunction with the new University Center of Undergraduate Education. He stated that VT’s Honors Program has been using a similar planner for several years.

Mr. Daniel re-introduced Susanna Rinehart, Assistant Provost for Liberal Education and University Studies, University Center for Undergraduate Education, whose office will be in Hillcrest Hall. The move to Hillcrest will take place in the next few months.

Core Curriculum Initiatives and VT Pathways – Due to time constraints, Susanna Rinehart stated she would e-mail Committee Members the information she planned to discuss at the meeting. She volunteered herself as Convener for the Planning & Direction Sub-Committee.

Future Meeting Dates:

October 18, 2006	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	325 Burruss Hall
November 15, 2006	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	325 Burruss Hall
December 7, 2006	9:00 – 10:00 a.m.	325 Burruss Hall

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 10:05a.m.

Submitted by,
Bonnie Alberts
Recording Secretary