

MINUTES
University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)
November 26, 2007, 2:00 p.m., Hillcrest Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Jim Collier, Ron Daniel, Clare Dannenburg, David Ford, Leon Geyer, Carolyn Meier, Marlene Preston, Phil Radtke, Susanna Rinehart, Esti Sheinberg, Cindy Wood

Guests Present: Carolyn Rude (for Ginney Fowler) and Bonnie Alberts

Members Absent: Kathryn Albright, Monique Dufour, Kelly Fennessy, Ginney Fowler, Lisa McNair, Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Joseph Sirgy, Ray Van Dyke, Bruce Vogelaar, Alex Weaver

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – Chair Radtke called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in the Hillcrest Hall Conference Room.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – There was one change in the order of the Agenda noted by Chair Radtke. He asked that item 7(a), LIKES Presentation given by Edward Fox and Ryan Richardson, follow Nominations and Election of the UCCLE Vice-Chair (#4), due to commitments of the presenters to attend another meeting at 3:00 p.m. The change was approved unanimously.
3. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 22, 2007** – A motion was made, seconded and approved unanimously to approve the October 22, 2007, minutes.
4. **NOMINATIONS AND ELECTION OF UCCLE VICE-CHAIR** – Leon Geyer was nominated for the position of Vice-Chair of the UCCLE for 2007-08 at the October 22, 2007, UCCLE meeting, but because Mr. Geyer was not present at that meeting, his election was postponed until this meeting. Hearing no other nominations, Chair Radtke asked for a voice vote. The voice vote was unanimously in favor of Leon Geyer as Vice-Chair of the UCCLE for 2007-08.
5. **NEW BUSINESS**

a. LIKES (Living in the KnowlEdge Society) Presentation – Edward Fox & Ryan Richardson

Edward Fox, along with Ryan Richardson, distributed materials (a LIKES Proposal and a Press Release).

The purpose of the presentation was to inform UCCLE members of this interdisciplinary initiative. LIKES' primary mission is to bring together faculty members in computing-related education programs with faculty in liberal education courses to enhance students' computing competencies as well as their facility with key computing-related paradigms and concepts by placing computing concepts within context.

After Dr. Fox's presentation, there was a discussion and question period. The committee's concern pertains to what students will gain from taking the "LIKES pathway" through the CLE, and the committee recommended that the LIKES team prioritize the development of a list of student learning outcomes, as well as the syllabi/course proposals for the introductory and capstone courses as a means of clarifying the intentions of the initiative.

Chair Radtke suggested an Ad Hoc committee be developed within the UCCLE to support and advise during the development of LIKES.

6. WORKING GROUPS

a. Planning and Direction – Susanna Rinehart stated the P&D working group met and had a productive meeting concerning the process for moving forward with themed sequences of courses (linked courses), and helping students make connections across areas and courses in the CLE.

Ms. Rinehart asked the committee to review a draft letter (prepared by Carolyn Rude and distributed by Rinehart) to President Steger and Provost McNamee, intended to be sent from the members of the UCCLC. The purpose is to point out impacts that impending budget cuts will have on the CLE if course offerings are cut or class sizes are increased. Some suggestions were noted for possible revisions to the draft. Susanna offered to coordinate revisions, including any comments from UCCLC members submitted to her by e-mail no later than Monday, December 3, 2007. A revised draft will be distributed prior to the December 10 meeting. The proposal was enthusiastically received as a way to advocate for the CLE in upcoming budget reduction discussions. A suggestion was made to distribute the correspondence widely to University and College Administrators, in addition to the University President and Provost, in time to be considered in forthcoming decisions.

b. Proposal Review – Several remaining departmental ViEWS Plans are under review. No status report was available.

7. OTHER OLD BUSINESS – There was none.

8. ADJOURN – A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 p.m. The next meeting will be held on Monday, December 10, 2007, from 2-3:00 p.m., in Hillcrest Hall Large Conference Room.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Alberts
Recording Secretary of the UCCLC