

MINUTES
University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)
January 29, 2008, 315 Cheatham Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Jim Collier, Ron Daniel, Clare Dannenberg, David Ford, Ginney Fowler, Carolyn Meier, Marlene Preston, Phil Radtke, Susanna Rinehart, Esti Sheinberg, Joe Sirgy, Ray Van Dyke, Alex Weaver, Cindy Wood

Guests Present: Bonnie Alberts

Members Absent: Kathryn Albright, Kelly Fennessy, Leon Geyer, Lisa McNair, Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Bruce Vogelaar

1. CALL TO ORDER – Chair Radtke called the meeting to order at 2:05 p.m. in 315 Cheatham Hall Conference Room.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA – Phil Radtke offered to give a status report of the departmental ViEWS Plans due to the absence of Monique Dufour. That being the only change, the Agenda was approved unanimously.

3. DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVED MINUTES FROM DECEMBER 10, 2007

4. WORKING GROUP REPORTS

a. Planning and Direction – Susanna Rinehart – Susanna reported that the Planning and Direction working group has not met this semester but will be meeting within the next week. She announced that the CLE Website has been up since December 2007, and encouraged all members to visit the site (www.cle.prov.vt.edu). She welcomes any comments.

Ms. Rinehart asked to put the following item on the table for a future UCCLE meeting:

The possibility of having UCCLE meetings held at a specific predetermined time each month in order to avoid the difficult task of scheduling meetings each semester. More importantly, it would ensure that each member that would like to be on the committee knows exactly when the meeting is held, like many other university committees.

It was suggested that Wanda Dean, Registrar, be contacted in order to determine a time when teaching schedules are at a minimum. It was also suggested that the minutes of previous UCCLE minutes be checked for common meeting times.

b. Proposal Review – Marlene Preston and Monique Dufour –

i. A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to submit the following Proposal to the Proposal Review Working Group for First Reading:

JUD 2134, Judaism: A Survey of History, Culture and Heritage, Area 2, Fall 2007

ii. Departmental ViEWS Plans Update – Monique Dufour - In Ms. Dufour's absence, Phil Radtke gave an update concerning the two (2) remaining departmental ViEWS Plans (Geography and Horticulture) that have not been submitted for review. Monique Dufour has offered to assist these departments with the preparation of their Plans. Phil will contact Monique concerning this.

c. Assessment – Ray Van Dyke – Ray Van Dyke stated the Assessment Working Group will have its first meeting of the semester on Tuesday, February 5, 2008, at 1:00 in the conference room of 122 Hillcrest Hall, at which time several specific areas of consideration for assessment will be determined.

5. OLD BUSINESS – Phil mentioned the letter to President Steger and Provost McNamee concerning the impact of

impending budget cuts on the viability of the Curriculum for Liberal Education, which was written by the UCCE and hand-delivered on December 13, 2007, with copies to James Hyatt and M. Dwight Shelton. To date, there has been no response to the letter.

Phil announced that there may be a change in the dates/times of the March and April UCCE meetings because of a conflict that Vice Chair Geyer has with the currently scheduled UCCE meetings. However, the meeting of February 26, 2008, will not change.

6. **NEW BUSINESS** – *The Task Force on Race and the Institution* is moving forward with its implementation committee, per Susanna Rinehart, who is in communication with Sheila Carter-Tod. Ms. Rinehart will report said communication from Ms. Carter-Tod with the Planning and Direction working group.

The following is a summary of items that were brought up at the end of the meeting regarding the creation of thematic “pathways” through the CLE. The Planning and Direction working group will discuss these at their next meeting:

- a. Pros and cons of ‘coherence’ vs. intentional ‘incoherence’
- b. The approval process
- c. Advanced Placement/Transfer/Dual enrollment credit and its relationship to the CLE
- d. Invitations to faculty teaching CLE courses to engage in developing Pathways
- e. Earth Sustainability model

7. **ADJOURN** – A motion was made, seconded, and unanimously approved to adjourn the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Submitted by:

Bonnie Alberts
Recording Secretary of the UCCE