

**Minutes**  
**University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)**  
**Sept. 7, 2011**

**Present:** Scott Renneckar, Dan Thorp, Rick Ferraro, Kathryne Drezek McConnell, Marlene Preston, Sheila Carter-Tod, Carolyn Meier, Alan McDaniel, Ann-Marie Knoblauch, Paul Heilker, Sam Hicks, Lisa McNair, Kurt Hoffman.                   **Guest:** Megan Franklin

**Absent:** Cindy Wood, João Setubal

Call to Order – the Chair called the meeting to order at 2:00.

Approval of agenda – a motion was made to approve the agenda; it was seconded and carried.

Plans for 2011-12 academic year - at the request of Thorp, members discussed how to approach revisions to the CLE: should it be revised a little as possible to address current concerns or modified significantly to anticipate where the university and its students will be in the future. Members expressed a strong desire for the latter – to consider where the university might be going in the future and fundamentally restructure the CLE in accordance with that future trajectory. Members also recognized that a single model may be neither practical nor desirable and expressed a willingness to support multiple, simultaneous paths toward liberal education, including a revised version of the current distributive model, a more integrated curriculum, and individualized pathways. Whatever the goal, though, the first order of business should be to more clearly and succinctly articulate the objectives of the CLE.

Committee & Subcommittee organization - the Chair reminded members that they are expected to serve on two subcommittees, one for the review of course proposals and one for planning and operations. It was decided that this year the latter category will include one to focus on CLE Objectives and one to focus on Processes and Policies. The Chair then asked members to indicate in writing on which subcommittees they preferred to serve. Based on those preferences, assignments will be forthcoming,

Policy for removing untaught courses from the CLE and undergraduate catalog - Thorp presented a resolution drafted last year by the Processes and Policies Subcommittee and discussed over the summer with the University Registrar for removing from the undergraduate catalog and from the CLE guide any course that, without extenuating circumstances, has not been taught in five years and moved its adoption. The motion was seconded. In the ensuing discussion a friendly amendment was introduced and accepted to begin the process in the fall semester each year rather than spring. The motion to approve the resolution, as amended, passed unanimously.

Adjournment - the meeting adjourned at 3:15

Submitted by,  
D. Thorp  
Acting Secretary