

**UNDERGRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**Date:** February 23, 2005

**Present:** Loretta Morgan  
Joy Honea  
Debra Johnson  
Susan Gregory

Mike Diede  
Tom Rust  
Nafi Heiat

The Arts and Sciences chairs have asked to prepare a package of courses, so after the UCC approves the new courses (there will probably not be many), the courses will be returned to the colleges to become part of their package. If a new course is being proposed, it will progress to the UCC, and then be added to the college package, eventually to the Academic Foundations Committee.

It was cited that the submitter of the course decides what category to put it in, but the Academic Foundations Committee may discuss with the department if they see another place that course could fit.

It was observed that the UCC should be vigilant about changes that may influence plans of study.

It was noted by the Academic Foundations Committee members that the Academic Senate has changed their deadlines many times, and they will probably want to make some changes to the Academic Foundations package as well – it will be negotiated.

The Academic Foundations Committee also noted that the UCC will likely be busy after Academic Foundations is finished, because departments may need to change their programs in response to the new Academic Foundations. See the timeline below (adopted by the Academic Senate 2/17/05).

End of Spring 2005: Deadline to submit courses for Academic Foundations

Fall 2005: Academic Foundations Committee works out package

End of Fall 2005: Academic Foundations Committee finishes package and submits it to Academic Senate

Spring 2006: Departments/Colleges modify programs in response to Academic Foundations

November 16, Fall 2006: Deadline for program changes

Fall 2007: Catalog in effect, including new Academic Foundations program

It was further noted that the Academic Foundations Committee plans to leave room in the Academic Foundations program to add more integrated courses in the future. Subsequently, adding those courses may also cause more program changes for the UCC.

The question was raised as to how the UCC is involved with assessment of the Academic Foundations program. Mark Hardt, Chair of the Academic Foundations Committee, noted that the new Academic Foundations program will not be implemented until 2007, so we cannot assess it before then. The Academic Foundations Committee is working on assessment tools for that point, but there is plenty of time to develop ideas. Other universities

The question was also raised about state-wide equivalencies or transfer courses. Cheri Johannes stated that the Board of Regents has formed some subcommittees that are researching transfer issues, but nothing will be reported until the March Board of Regents meeting.

## II. ITEMS FIRST READING

**Item 61** AF Course: A&SC 125 Research in the Information Age. New course for Global Academic Skills: Information Literacy.

It was decided that the Library folks should be invited to the next meeting to discuss this course, and so it was postponed until the March 16 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 5:01 p.m.

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