

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)

April 28, 2010

2:00 - 3:15p.m. - 230 Student Services Building

Present: Marlene Preston, Sheila Carter-Tod, Daniel Wubah, Scott Rennecker, Mary Ann Lewis, Bo Hart, Rachel Holloway, Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Kurt Hoffman, Cindy Wood, Shane McCarty, Elizabeth Fine, Alan McDaniel, Yonsenia White

Guests Present: Karen Strickler, Kate McConnell, Carolyn Meier

Absent: Lisa McNair, Joe Sirgy, Jim Collier, Ray Van Dyke

1. **CALL TO ORDER** - The meeting was called to order by Marlene Preston, Chair.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – A motion was made and seconded to move the Recommendations to the first item for discussion on the agenda. Motion carried.
3. **RECOMMENDATIONS – PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION** – Marlene presented Dr. Wubah with a notebook containing recommendations (are attached to minutes) as well as several handouts. Some handouts were also distributed to the committee and the materials are also available on Scholar.

Marlene started by saying that the committee was charged by Dr. Wubah to make recommendations, so we began by reviewing the 2005 report from the Ad Hoc Committee. We looked at national trends as well as trends at Virginia Tech and worked with Dr. Susan Albertine from AAC&U.

The specific recommendations (attached to the minutes) included attention to the curriculum of the CLE and also to the infrastructure. The curricular enhancements we recommend would offer students a solid foundation. We need to address students' academic growth as well as their professional growth. We also thought it was important to follow up on the intention of changing the name of the Core Curriculum to the Curriculum for Liberal Education. We are interested in encouraging cross-disciplinary involvement of faculty building on the research of teaching and learning using nationally recognized goals. The Essential Learning Outcomes from LEAP could be a great base. The infrastructure is of great concern because there is no director for the CLE. Considering the number of credit hours students earn in the CLE, there should be some centralized and visible organization related to the CLE. Our students and faculty need support.

Dr. Wubah said that he feels these are problems that can be solved. He suggested that we think about technology in the CLE such as the use of the ePortfolio. He encouraged the committee to think outside the box when thinking about the future of the CLE. He said to think about skill sets like critical thinking, problem solving and collaborative approaches. He stated that he recently learned SCHEV would use the same assessment criteria as SACS. He said that if we can build the CLE on these, it could be quite powerful.

4. **COMMENTS FROM “AREA” SUBCOMMITTEE**
A cross-listed course that is changing departments from Communication to the Department of Theatre and Cinema; only the name is changing, not the course content.
 - A motion was made and seconded that TA 2054, Intro to Cinema (formerly Intro to Film) should be continued as an Area 6 course. Motion carried.
5. **OTHER BUSINESS** – Marlene thanked the members for all the hard work they have done this year.
6. **ADJOURNMENT**
The meeting adjourned at 2:50p.m.

Submitted by,
Karen W. Strickler
Recording Secretary