Westfield State University
Curriculum Committee
Minutes of December 16th, 2010

Members present: Eric Bressler, Joe Camilleri, James Carabetta, Christin Cleaton-Ruiz, Leticia Crespo, Volker Ecke, Donald Ferris, Liam Harte, Brian Hubbard, Christine Irujo, Stan Jackson, David Laing, Marsha Marotta, Enrique Morales-Diaz, John Ohotnicky, Supriya Sarnikar, and Mary Allen Watson.

Guests: Chalet Seidel, Vanessa Diana, Beth Ann Rothermel, Catherine Savini, and Margot Hennessey.

The meeting was called to order at 12:42 PM.

CHAIR’S REPORT

- The minutes of November 18, 2010 were approved as amended by the following vote: 14 favor 0 against 2 abstentions.

SUBCOMMITTEE A REPORT

- Chair Carabetta passed out a slightly revised version of Subcommittee A’s report regarding ROCCC (Review of the Common Core Committee). He also passed out a sheet entitled “Citations regarding the Institution’s Requirement that It Maintain a Minimum of 40 credit Hours Within Its General Education Program and that It Teach the U.S. and Massachusetts Constitution within its Program of Studies.”
- In the second paragraph of the Subcommittee A report, the Curriculum Committee changed “proscribed” to “prescribed.”
- The Committee changed item 4 under the Recommendation section to read as follows:

Reduction of the Size of the Core: It is recommended that a reduction in the amount of coursework necessary to satisfy the core be achieved by providing a greater selection of multi-core and interdisciplinary courses. This is encouraged and supported to the extent that it would enable students to reduce the amount of core coursework minimally necessary to satisfy the current 49 general education credit core from what is now potentially 43 credits to that which meets NEASC general education accreditation standards. Thus, the wherewithal should be in place to allow for up to three multi-core satisfying courses, where each instance reduces the total of coursework taken by 3 credits.

- David Laing presented Subcommittee A’s deliberations and recommendations regarding ROCCC
• Brian Hubbard moved the question of accepting the Subcommittee A report as amended. Volker Ecke seconded the motion. After a short discussion, a vote was taken on whether to vote on the motion at the present time. The vote was

For 4 Against 8 Abstention

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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