Curriculum Committee
Minutes of September 1, 2010

Members present: Eric Bressler, Joe Camilleri, James Carabetta, Christin Cleaton-Ruiz, Volker Ecke, Donald Ferris, Liam Harte, Brian Hubbard, Anthony Iozzo, Christine Irujo, Stan Jackson, David Laing, Marsha Marotta, John Ohotnicky, Tim Parshall, Carlton Pickron, Elizabeth Starr, Supriya Sarnikar, and Mary Allen Watson.

The meeting was convened by Marsha Marotta. It was called to order at 3:36 PM in Scanlon Living Room A.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS
James Carabetta and Liam Harte were nominated for Committee Chair. By a 10 – 8, vote, the Committee elected Carabetta Chair. Donald Ferris was elected Secretary by acclamation.

GENERAL DISCUSSION

- Chair Carabetta announced that a packet containing proposals that need to be considered by the Committee will be forthcoming.
- Carabetta noted that the Committee would also need to address filling the Chair and Secretary positions for the second semester, as both officers will be on sabbatical that semester.
- All Committee members were requested to contact Deb Samwell with their available meeting times. Deb Samwell is the Math/DCIS Administrative Assistant who supports the Curriculum Committee. She may be reached at dsamwell@wsc.ma.edu. Her telephone number is (413) 572-5349. The fax number is (413) 572-5617. Deb’s office location is Wilson 409-B.

- Any member interested in serving as a Subcommittee Chair or Webmaster was asked to contact Carabetta.
- Chair Carabetta cited an article, concerning the core, authored by Kathleen Parker, a syndicated columnist of The Washington Post. Parker referred to the website www.whatwilltheylearn.com as a site that rates colleges on their requirements for a good general education. Carabetta noted that while no Massachusetts’ colleges received an ‘A’, WSU was one of 5 in Massachusetts receiving a ‘B’.

NEW BUSINESS
Volker Ecke announced that the new WSU website will be making updates as necessary, because some information has been lost in the conversion. People wishing to retrieve some of the older, missing information, may find it at www-old.wsc.ma.edu.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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