
- The meeting was brought to order at 3:50 PM by Chair Carabetta.
- The minutes of November 19, 2010 were approved with no changes and with one abstention.

CHAIR’S REPORT:

- Chair Carabetta announced that the following substitutions were made on the Committee’s composition for academic year 2009-2010:
  
  **Fall 2009 Member: Spring, 2010 Member**
  
  Michael Cole      Raphael Bones
  Kathie Sullivan   Don Ferris
  Jillian Fagan     Brittany Eager
  Elizabeth Stack   Erin Judge
  Nicole Dipilato   no replacement at this time

ELECTION OF SECRETARY FOR SPRING SEMESTER:

- Election of Secretary for Spring Semester: Kathie Sullivan, Committee Secretary, is on sabbatical in spring semester, 2010. Sandy Berkowitz was elected to fill the position of Secretary.

BRIEF UPDATE AND DISCUSSION OF CIRCUMSTANCES INVOLVING CORE-RELATED PROPOSALS AND WORK BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE:

- Chair Carabetta reported that ACC #02-39 had been withdrawn by V.P. Hayes. Carabetta explained that that action was one that had been submitted by previous Dean R. Martin, and requested that the standards of the 1998 core be matched against syllabi being used with various core courses to see if the courses were in fact being taught in ways that met the standards for the core area(s) that they were within.

- Update and Discussion of Core-Related Proposals: Chair Carabetta distributed a variety of documents including the Final Report from the CAGUE (Commissioner’s Advisory Group on Undergraduate Education), a printed copy of Commissioner Freeland’s A Vision for Higher Education in Massachusetts (Oct. 6, 2009), a memo distributed to the Chairs at the December and January Chairs’ meetings by VP of Academic Affairs, Bob Hayes, along with printed copies of email messages from selected campus constituents relevant to the ROCCC report. CC members discussed how the CAGUE recommendations
might affect revisions to the WSC core/general education. Both Dean of Students, Marsha Marotta, and Registrar, John Ohotnicky, spoke to how important it was to initiate the consideration of ROCCC as soon as possible as it will be important for our 2012 NEASC visit. Both J. Ohotnicky and S. Berkowitz reminded the CC that the ROCCC report was informed by and is consistent with much of the thinking expressed in the CAGUE report. The consensus of the CC was to initiate the discussion of ROCCC in spring, 2010 as required by ACC.

The CC members then discussed logistical aspects of how to proceed with the ROCCC report. The consensus was that the two CC subcommittees will schedule meetings in spring 2010 to discuss the ROCCC report to which the campus community will be invited. The subcommittee chairs will also systematically extend offers for CC members to appear at meetings of departments, programs, and student groups who are affected by the WSC core curriculum to solicit feedback relevant to the ROCCC report. The CC will discuss the report at its full committee meetings concurrent with subcommittee discussions. The CC set a deadline of May 1, 2010 for a preliminary progress report on the ROCCC report to be submitted to ACC followed by potential day-long CC meetings (after classes end) to construct a more substantive report and to construct a plan relevant to consideration of proposed changes in the core curriculum/general education for fall, 2010.

The CC discussed faculty member, Prof. Rick Rees’ note that the ROCCC proposal may be illegal due to its lack of inclusion of consideration of M.G.L. Title XII 73, section 2A relevant to the requirement that curriculum pertaining to the Constitution be taught mandatorially to state and community college students. It was noted that the CC would investigate this further.

SUBCOMMITTEE A REPORT: There was no report from Subcommittee A.

SUBCOMMITTEE B REPORT:

Subcommittee Chair Harte presented the following:

- **08-51 EDUC: 0315** Proposal from the Education Department was withdrawn.
- **09-144 PHIL: 0307 and 09-107: Philosophy Major** were tabled.
- **04-69 HIST: 0264** (African American History) New catalog description and core inclusion (United States Diversity)
  - Approved unanimously with new syllabus

The Committee adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Berkowitz
Curriculum Committee Secretary