Westfield State University
Curriculum Committee Minutes for September 22, 2011

In attendance: Enrique Morales-Diaz, Sarah Hegarty, Gabriel Aquino, Dave Laing, Eric Bressler, Joe Camilleri, Jennifer DiGrazia, Elizabeth Starr, Christin Cleaton-Ruiz, Diane Prusank, John Ohotnicky, Tom Raffensperger, Mary Brown Bonacci, Emily Todd, Brian W. Conz, Volker Ecke, David Shapleigh

Meeting was convened at 4:00 by Chair Morales-Diaz

Minutes of the May 17 meeting approved with the following amendments (9 yes, 6 abstentions, 0 no):

1. Change the spelling of Christin’s last name to Cleaton-Ruiz in the minute submission line
2. CAR 10-121: the vote was unanimous to table it, not approve it

Jennifer DiGrazia was elected secretary

Chair’s Report:

Chair Morales-Diaz announced that David Laing was head of Subcommittee A and that Joe Camilleri was head of Subcommittee B

Chair Morales-Diaz explained that he had met with ACC and explained that a time limit for ROCCC wasn’t feasible, suggesting that we had been working diligently and that we had made some headway. He assured ACC that we would work on specific items outlined in ACC’s memo to Curriculum Committee. He then suggested that we begin our discussions with Composition, Math and Science

Chair Morales-Diaz addressed that some faculty had been concerned about proposals submitted to Curriculum in 2009, and requested that we address old business first when subcommittees convened

He requested that, when possible, subcommittee chairs attempt to turn in items to the full curriculum committee before we met as a whole

Chair Morales-Diaz passed out committee CAR assignations. We changed all Music assignations to Subcommittee A, moved GARP CARs to subcommittee A, then renegotiated a number CARs to even out the numbers between subcommittees

Chair Morales-Diaz then addressed the request 10-29 from ACC. We discussed including course objectives in CARs at length, examining our role in such a move, and determined that since no formal assessment of the core has taken place, and because there is no previously-existing policy dictating course objectives, we moved to strike the language from the request. We wanted it understood that Curriculum Committee members weren’t against course objectives, but that we need to have formal policy regarding course outcomes before we require (or strongly suggest) that someone submitting a CAR for approval discuss or mention course objectives. The move was unanimously passed to strike the language “strongly recommend” and to send an explanation to ACC.

We unanimously voted to adjourn at 5:00.