

College of Arts and Sciences
Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
January 29, 2009

Present: Stephanie Larson, Don Dearborn, Helen Morris-Keitel, Dennis Hopple, Yulissa Hidalgo, Josh Goodman, George Exner, Nancy Frazier, John Rickard, John Hunter, Ueli Daepf, Scott Meinke, Chris Zappe, Elaine Hopkins

Absent: Colleen Gavigan, Sue Ellen Henry, Jim Lavine (on leave this semester)

The meeting was called to order at 11:05.

Mr. Hunter asked whether the committee should respond to the emails sent by faculty members regarding the curriculum proposal. We decided that we should wait until the open forum to address all concerns. We expect that faculty will ask whether Bucknell has the financial resources now to implement the new curriculum. The necessary resources would include both staffing and faculty development funding. It is anticipated that funds would be available for new course development to prepare for the transition to the new College curriculum.

We discussed the Global Perspectives requirement and reaffirmed that we are comfortable with the breadth of courses and experiences (study abroad) that can fulfill the requirement.

The committee turned its attention to the implementation timeline, including review of the curriculum. Mr. Exner suggested that a review of the curriculum would take place three years after the IP courses are in place but no more than 5 years after the implementation of any part of the curriculum. We would in the meantime encourage the development of IP courses and offer as many as possible before it becomes a requirement for all sophomores. There is also concern among several committee members about development of culminating experiences in departments whose majors are currently taking their capstone outside of the department. We discussed the issue of double majors and how the requirement for a culminating experience in each major might affect the current practice. We considered how the changes will affect Admissions (particularly the foreign language requirement and the IP courses) and the production of the Catalog.

The meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Hopkins
Secretary