

UEPC

Minutes from meeting, December 6, 2010

Recorded by: Asbjorn Moseidjord

Present: Norman Bedford, Ken Brown, Catherine Davalos, Sue Fallis, Christa Kell, Asbjorn Moseidjord, Cynthia Van Gilder, and Linda Wobbe.

Absent: David Gentry-Akin (with notice), Valerie Burke (with notice), Steve Cortright, and Charlie Hamaker.

I. Reports.

Ken Brown agreed to record motions and voting outcomes in place of the vice chair and review the minutes before they are sent to all UEPC members.

The Chair reported a processing error at the November 22 meeting. The proposal for a new core curriculum committee from the CCIC contained the following language: "Subsequent directors will serve for 3-year terms and will be chosen by a process to be determined by the elected members of the CCC". The UEPC amended this language and reported to the Senate the following: "Subsequent directors will serve for 3-year terms on the recommendation of the CCC, the Senate and the UEPC". The processing error was that this substantial change was not voted on. The Chair's understanding at the Nov. 22 meeting was that this was a non-controversial change. The members present at this Dec. 6 meeting confirmed that (1) not taking a vote was a mistake, (2) the amendment was non-controversial, and (3) not taking a vote has no substantial consequences.

The Chair then gave a quick report from the Dec. 2 Senate meeting. A request was made to the effect that the chair meets with the Senate chair to discuss and possibly simplify the processing of core curriculum issues.

Looking to future business, the Chair expressed concern that there will not be sufficient time at the January 5 meeting. He will therefore explore the possibility of starting the meeting at 11:00 (rather than 12:30) and continue the meeting for as long as there is a quorum. The objectives of the Jan. 5 meeting will include reviewing outcomes for 10 learning goals and associated, explanatory language for all the twelve learning goals.

II. Proposal from the International Programs Coordination Committee (IPCC).

UEPC members had received an undated, comprehensive document entitled "PROPOSAL FOR A NEW SMC-SPONSORED STUDY ABROAD PROGRAM" ---**Freie Universitet Berlin & the Berlin European Studies Program (FU-BEST)**. This proposal as annotated by the Chair of the UEPC is attached to these minutes. Below, it is referred to as "the proposal".

The IPCC was represented by Lorien Romito, Caralinda Lee, and Susie Miller-Reid, who explained the proposal and answered clarifying questions. No issues requiring substantial changes to the proposal were raised by the UEPC members.

The following motion was proposed and seconded:

The UEPC recommends to the Senate the approval of the IPCC proposal for a new, SMC sponsored study abroad program in Berlin, Germany.

The motion passed unanimously (8 in favor, none against, none abstaining).

During the discussion leading up to the vote, several committee members made the observation that the Berlin program has limited appeal to many student groups. Specifically mentioned were business students, nursing students and, in general, students within the School of Science. The UEPC therefore strongly encourages the IPCC to search for study abroad programs that can include broader student groups. Presumably, this seems to require programs that offer instruction in English in upper division courses appropriate to a larger range of majors.

End.