

## **UEPC Minutes – November 3, 2008**

### Members Present:

Paul Zarnoth  
Hoang Vu  
Norm Bedford  
Patrick Downey  
Elena Escalera  
Asbjorn Moseidjord  
Charles Hamaker  
Sue Fallis  
Sue Birkenseer  
Christa Kell  
Ed Tywoniak

### **Announcements and Reports**

#### I. Core Curriculum Proposal Update

Chair Zarnoth updated the group on the Core Curriculum Proposal. He reminded the UEPC of the dates of the forum discussions of model C. One of the two forums was being held at the same time as this meeting, so plans were made to keep the present UEPC meeting relatively brief to allow members to attend the last portion of the CCTF forum. He also stated that he expects the November 24 meeting of the UEPC to be dedicated to a discussion of the Core Curriculum Proposal. Members of the CCTF will be invited to attend to respond to questions and join in the discussion.

#### II. Summer School Initiative Update

Sue Fallis, who is representing the UEPC at meetings discussing the summer school initiative, updated the UEPC on the progress being made. She mentioned that the task force has now begun contacting individual departments and programs about specific courses which might be offered and faculty who might like to participate. She described the response to date as being positive.

### **New Course Proposal for the Economics Department**

The Economics Department is proposing a new course (ECON 175: Multinational Enterprises). Kara Boatman attended the meeting as a representative of the Economics Department. She described the proposal and responded to questions and concerns of the committee members.

One committee member asked about the proposed course catalog wording. Specifically, the description of the course seemed to be heavily tied to an individual faculty member's specific research interests. Kara Boatman agreed and proposed a more general catalog description.

Another committee member asked how the introduction of this course would impact the other offerings within the Economics Department. Kara Boatman identified two courses that might be taught less often as a result – one is an introductory course with multiple offerings and the other is a course that routinely experiences low enrollments.

Finally, there was a question of how the course might impact Business Administration and the courses in that department. Initially, a UEPC committee member proposed soliciting a reaction from the Business Administration department. As the discussion progressed, however, the consensus seemed to be that any adverse impact was likely to be minimal. The final motion (which passed unanimously, 11-0-0) was a bit of a compromise.

The UEPC decided to ask the Dean of SEBA to write a letter of support for the new course. The UEPC believes that the Dean is in a position to consider the impact of the new course on both the Economics Department and the Business Administration Department. Assuming that the Dean is able to express support for the new course, the UEPC would then approve the course with no further delay.