PRESENT: Chair Robert Gorsch, Vice Chair Kathy Porter, Steve Bachofer, Molly Metherd, Steve Miller, Chris Ray, and Elise Wong. Sam Lind arrived at 3:45 pm

ABSENT: Elena Escalera, Sue Fallis, and Jose Feito (all with notice)

Also present for part of the meeting: Paul Zarnoff, Chair of the Department of Psychology, Frank Murray, Performing Arts representative, Mari-Anne Rosario, Department of Physics and Astronomy representative, and Jim Sauerberg, Chair of the Core Curriculum committee

The meeting began at approximately 3:37 pm.

The minutes from September 29th, 2014 meeting were approved by a vote of 6 AYE, 0 NAY, and 1 ABSTAIN.

Paul Zarnoff, Chair of the Department of Psychology, explained that Psych 163 was developed in response to the department’s program review. They had run the course experimentally and now wanted to make the course permanent. The course had temporary classification as satisfying the American Diversity Core requirement. The hope is that it would still satisfy that requirement and also satisfy the Common Good requirement. A few questions were asked and answered about the course.

Next Prof. Zarnoff discussed the department’s proposal to move Psych 8 to upper division status (would be Psych 168). The course has morphed over the years as various people have taught it and the standards of the course are now upper division. This course would be elective. The prerequisites have changed slightly to make the course more attractive to Ethnic Studies majors. Some questions were asked and answered about the course.

The UEPC committee voted first on the approval of Psych 163 as a permanent course. The vote was 8 AYE 0 NAY.

The vote on the approval to change Psych 8 to Psych 168 was 8 AYE, 0 NAY.

Next Frank Murray described the Department of Performing Arts’ motivation for the course Perfa 138 which had been approved earlier as an experimental course. The current proposal is for permanent status for the course. Some discussion ensued along with some concerns.

The UEPC committee voted on the proposal to make Perfa 138 a permanent course: 6 AYE, 2 NAY.

Mari-Anne Rosario from Physics described her department’s proposal to change the physics major so that there would be a B.A. and a B.S. in physics as many other physics departments have. Some questions were asked and some concerns were raised.
The UEPC committee voted on the change in the physics major: 6 AYE, 0 Nay, 2 ABSTAIN.

The committee then turned to old business and a memo sent from the CCC to the UEPC concerning designation renewals. Chris Ray immediately made a proposal along the lines that (i) if a course that already has CCC approval has a department which coincides with its core designation then that course should not have to go through a renewal process; it should be monitored by the department which should take responsibility for keeping the course aligned with its core learning outcomes; (ii) Courses that have no ownership in a department (such as courses designated as satisfying the American Diversity, Global Perspectives, Engaging the World, and Common Good) should be required to pass through a designation renewal. A short discussion occurred but time ran out. Jim Sauerberg asked for a written response from the UEPC. Chris Ray agreed to write a draft and share it with the rest of the UEPC committee. Once the committee is satisfied with the statement it will be sent to the CCC.

Molly Metherd also asked that the suggestions that were made in the CCC memo to the UEPC be discussed in the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 5:35 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Vice Chair Porter