

MINUTES

University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE) March 4, 2009, 2:30-3:30 p.m., Hillcrest Hall Conference Room

Members Present: Jim Collier, Ron Daniel, Leon Geyer, Carolyn Meier, Marlene Preston, Donna Cassell Ratcliffe, Esti Sheinberg, Joe Scarpaci, Joe Sirgy, Ray Van Dyke, Cindy Wood

Guests Present: Kate Drezek, Bonnie Alberts

Members Absent: Logan Byrne, Clare Dannenberg, Elizabeth Fine, Lisa McNair, Chris Mortweet, Bruce Vogelaar, Daniel Wubah, Yonsenia White

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – The meeting was called to order by Chair Geyer, at 2:30 p.m. in Hillcrest Hall Conference Room.
2. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** – A motion was made and seconded to approve the Agenda. The motion passed.
3. **DISTRIBUTION OF APPROVED MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 4, 2009**
4. **WORKING GROUPS**

- i. Assessment – Jim Collier, Convener

A presentation was given by Kate Drezek, University Academic Assessment Coordinator, Office of Academic Assessment, concerning the assessment of the Curriculum for Liberal Education, *A Comprehensive Assessment of the Curriculum for Liberal Education* proposed by Kate Drezek and Ray Van Dyke (a copy is attached to these minutes).

Dr. Drezek pointed out Mary J. Allen's quote of the purpose of Assessment: "...to improve the general education program by identifying what is working well and what requires improvement." There are four (4) components of VT's assessment of student learning: a) Curriculum for Liberal Education (UCCLE); b) Southern Association of Schools & Colleges (SACS), along with professional accrediting bodies; c) State Council for Higher Education of Virginia (SCHEV), and d) the Voluntary System of Accountability (VSA).

It is Dr. Drezek's plan to conduct a direct assessment of the CLE by area, beginning in the fall of 2009. This will be done area by area (2 areas per academic year). There will be synchronization with SCHEV learning outcomes when feasible. Core competencies and student learning will be promoted by the CLE as an on-going effort. In addition, there will be an on-going direct assessment of student learning in the CLE.

There are two (2) challenges facing OAA, namely: 1) scope, and 2) area goals. Dr. Drezek discussed suggested strategies for these challenges. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously approved to allow Dr. Drezek to conduct the assessment of the CLE as outlined in her presentation.

- ii. Planning and Direction, Cindy Wood, Convener

There was continued discussion from last month's meeting concerning the responsibility of ViEWS Plans. It was then suggested that the Planning and Direction Working Group (and any interested committee members) meet on Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at 2:00 p.m. in the conference room of 122 Hillcrest Hall, in order to resolve this issue before the last UCCLE meeting of the academic year on April 1, 2009.

5. **OLD BUSINESS** – There was none.
6. **NEW BUSINESS – OBSERVATIONS FROM THE CHAIR** – Congratulations to Joe Scarpaci for his successful Fulbright work in Chile.
7. **ADJOURNMENT** – A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:50 p.m. Motion passed.

Submitted by: Bonnie Alberts
Recording Secretary for UCCLE

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