

Minutes of the University Core Development Committee, Friday, February 19, 2010.

The committee met in the downstairs conference room of Waul House at about 2:35 p.m.

Present were J. Joseph Burns, Patrick Byrne, Michael J. Clarke, Mary Cronin, Clare Dunsford, James M. Weiss, Margaret Thomas, and Arthur Madigan.

Arthur Madigan thanked the members for their dedication to the quality of the undergraduate core and for their good wishes on his appointment as director of the core program.

The main business of the meeting was the consideration of several courses proposed by the Office of International Programs (OIP) for credit towards the core requirement in Cultural Diversity. Within this context the committee recognized that developing a common form for the evaluation of courses proposed for core credit would be advantageous to the approval process. It was noted that the proposed courses had already been vetted for academic quality by a member of higher administration at Boston College. Discussion then turned to the proposed courses.

The History and Literature of South Africa (Cynthia Young, Zachary Morgan) was unanimously approved for Cultural Diversity core credit.

Several other courses were discussed but in the light of various concerns were not approved for Cultural Diversity core credit. The chair was deputed to convey these concerns to the faculty proposing the courses and to OIP.

At the close of the meeting, the committee was reminded that aside from making decisions on particular course proposals it should take up the topic of student learning assessment in the core. It was suggested that the committee might integrate this topic into discussions with individual departments about their core offerings.

The meeting adjourned at about 3:40 p.m.

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