

University Core Development Committee
Tuesday, October 11, 2005
Gasson 006, 9.00 a.m.

Minutes

Present were: Chair, Richard Cobb-Stevens, Ourida Mostefai (Associate Dean, A&S), Patrick Byrne (Philosophy), Catherine Read (Nursing), Timothy Duket (A&S Honors Program), Clare O'Connor (Biology), Dennis Sardella (Chemistry), Alec Peck (Education), Paul Spagnoli (History). Absent: John Gallagher (Management)

This meeting was held in a newly refurbished classroom which has built-in equipment for multi-media presentations. Mark O'Connor and Tim Duket made use of this technology to display material that is currently used in a course offered by the A&S Honors Program that correlates literature, painting, and architecture during the Renaissance period. They showed how the matrix for this material might easily be adapted to other themes and historical periods. They also noted that additional examples may be found on the Honors Program web site. The Davis Foundation has awarded a substantial three-year grant to our A&S Honors Program for further development of similar teaching aids.

Rita Owens updated the members of the committee on various other web-based innovations that are currently available to faculty. In particular, many of our colleagues are using Web CT as a means of enhancing discussion among students in their classes, and of regular communication between instructors and their students outside of the classroom context.

Submitted by Richard Cobb-Stevens