

University Core Development Committee
November 2, 2004
Gasson 105 1:00 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance were: Richard Cobb-Stevens, Alec Peck (Education), Catherine Read (Nursing), Paul Gray (Sociology), Patrick Byrne (Philosophy), Tim Duket (A&S Honors), Clare O'Connor (Biology), Dennis Sardella (Chemistry), Ourida Mostefai (A&S Associate Dean).

John Gallagher (Management) was absent.

The committee met again with Prof. Gerry Keogh, Chair of the Mathematics Department, this time to discuss more in general the department's core offerings.

The department offers the following core courses:

Finite Probability and Applications
Linear Mathematics and Applications
Ideas in Mathematics
Survey of Calculus
Calculus I and II
Calculus I and II (Science Majors)
Fundamentals of Mathematics

Several of these courses are designed for students who are non-math and non-science majors. In recent years, the department has made a special effort to upgrade these courses. The members of the committee were quite impressed by the syllabi of these courses.

We also discussed briefly a proposal from the Department of Computer Science to offer a core course entitled "An Introduction to Information and Computing." Gerry expressed interest, informed us that the Mathematics Department was open to this possibility.

Submitted by Richard Cobb-Stevens