

University Core Development Committee
Thursday, February 17, 2005
Gasson 105, 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), Catherine Schneider (Economics).

Mary French (Admissions) gave a very interesting and instructive presentation on Advanced Placement score requirements, the International Baccalaureate, and other Foreign Programs. She also compared Boston College's policies with regard to these programs with the policies of comparable institutions, such as Duke, Georgetown, Northwestern, Notre Dame, New York University). Boston College has a relatively conservative approach, when compared with some of these institutions.

There is no doubt, however, that an increasing number of our students are exempted from core requirements by reason of their Advanced Placement credits. On the other hand, many of these students typically enter into our A&S Honors Program which does not accept advanced placement credits. Moreover, there are no exemptions for Philosophy and Theology.

Submitted by Richard Cobb-Stevens