

University Core Development Committee
Tuesday, March 21, 2006
Gasson 105, 9.00 a.m.

Minutes

Present were: Chair, Richard Cobb-Stevens, Clare Dunsford (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).

The committee met with Prof. Robert Muller (Computer Science) and Prof. Gerry Keogh (Mathematics) to discuss a new course proposed by the Department of Computer Science to fulfill the Mathematics Requirement. After reviewing the syllabus of the course, entitled "The Digital World: An Introduction to Information and Computing," and reading the favorable recommendations by colleagues from the Mathematics Department, the committee members voted unanimously to approve the proposal. See the attached letter to Dean Quinn from Prof. Ned Rosen (Mathematics).

The remainder of the time was devoted to consideration of several new courses proposed by the Department of Slavic Languages. The committee approved three courses for the Literature core, two of which were also approved for cultural diversity credit. The committee did not approve SL 311 "General Linguistics" on the grounds that it is not really a literature course or a course in cultural diversity, but more a scientific study of the structures of language.

Submitted by Richard Cobb-Stevens