

University Core Development Committee
March 31, 2003
Gasson 105 1:30 p.m.

Minutes

In attendance were Chair Richard Cobb-Stevens, Patrick Byrne (Philosophy), Marilyn Cochrane-Smith (Education), Tim Duket (A&S Honors), Clare Dunsford (A&S Associate Dean), Maggie Kearney (Nursing), Dennis Sardella (Chemistry), and Sandra Waddock (Management).

Fr. Frank Murphy (History) was unable to attend.

Prof. Michael Malec and Prof. Stephen Pfohl met with the committee to discuss the many and varied core offerings provided by the Sociology Department - both the courses which fulfill the Social Science requirement, and the courses which fulfill the cultural diversity requirement.

The committee members complimented the department on its development of a thoughtful and comprehensive statement of how its courses contribute to the goals set forth by the founding document of the current core curriculum. This statement was the product of several meetings in the department devoted to discussion of the content of its core courses.

Pat Byrne and Dennis Sardella called attention to the need for additional writing requirements in a couple of the courses. They also noted that Sociology offers one of the few courses in the university on Native American cultural issues.

Sandra Waddock suggested that the department's statement might well serve as a model for other departments.