

University Core Development Committee  
Tuesday, September 29, 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), Paul Spagnoli (History). Absent: John Gallagher (Management)

This brief meeting was devoted to the setting of an agenda for the Fall Semester. We agreed on the following:

- October 11: Meeting with Mark O'Connor (A&S Honors Program) and Rita Owens (Academic Vice President for Technology) who will give a presentation on how new developments in technology might contribute to enhanced teaching methods in the Humanities.
- November 8: Review of the Departments of Music, Theater, and Fine Arts. It was agreed that it would be useful to confer with representatives of these departments as a group, since they are the departments that together contribute to the core program in the Arts. As usual, the chairs of these departments will be asked to submit core course syllabi ten days before this scheduled discussion.
- November 29: This meeting will be devoted to a discussion of our earlier report on the core courses in the natural sciences. We agreed that it would be appropriate to meet again early next semester with the relevant departments, with an eye to updating this report and strengthening our recommendations to the administration.

Submitted by Richard Cobb-Stevens