

University Council on Teaching
Minutes for Meeting of April 14, 2004

In attendance: Chris Hepburn, Fred Yen, Bill Petri, Sue Barrett, Mary Joe Hughes, Judy Vessey, Ellen Winner

1. Discussion of the proposed 1-credit topic-based advising seminars for first-year students.

Council members suggested adding the statement that although the proposed pilot is for courses in Arts and Sciences only, our hope is that such courses will eventually be available to all schools. The Council discussed the importance of recruiting faculty who have excellent rapport with students, have a good topic around which to build the course, and know how to advise. Chris Hepburn agreed to send the proposal on to Academic Vice President Jack Neuhauser (who approved it subsequent to this meeting).

Bill Petri, Sue Barrett and Ellen Winner agreed to invite faculty from science, humanities and social sciences, respectively, to submit course proposals. The proposals are due on May 7th, in Gasson 106. The UCT will consider the proposals at the next meeting, on May 12th.

2. Brief follow-up discussion of the “Andover 2” proposal.

Sue Barrett reported on feedback from the subcommittee (Fred Yen, Judy Vessey and Larry Ludlow) who had met with Sue, Rita Owens and Ted Gaiser to develop ideas for the faculty teaching weekends. Plans are proceeding for off-campus teaching seminars for new and experienced faculty, probably four times a year. The UCT supports the idea of the weekends and will play a continuing advisory role should the weekends be funded. A letter of support will go from the UCT to Jack Neuhauser.

3. Report on TAM and TAME grants.

Chris Hepburn reported on the awards. 14 applications for TAM grants and 3 applications for TAME grants were received, totaling just under \$190,000. Ten TAM grants and one TAME grant were awarded for a total of \$135,783. Most of the TAM awards were for the full amount, with one grant being funded for half the amount requested. This applicant also received half funding for a proposal last year. There is general agreement that the form for submitting applications is very effective but that we need to advertise the grants better. The group decided to add a reporting requirement to the grants. Reports can easily be collected electronically and made available on the web.