**University Curriculum Committee**

**Minutes of Wednesday, December 9, 2009**

Present: Robert Adams (Chair), David Alvarez, RuthAnn Brintnall, Martin Burg, Maria Cimitile (Ex-officio), Christine Drewel, Maria Fidalgo-Eick, Brian Kipp, Mel Northup, Mark Pestana, Glenn Pettengill, Robert Swieringa, Doug Way, Chris Adams, (Student Senate)  
  
Visitors: David Coffey (MTH, COE), Mary Schutten (CLAS), Amy Matthews (PSY)  
  
Approval of the 12/9/09 Agenda: approved

Approval of 12/2/09 Minutes: approved  
  
Report from the Chair

There is no meeting next week and that a large package awaits us upon return from semester break. Next UCC meeting will be held in the DeVos campus, Amway Board Room.

Report from the Provost:

Change in cognates: apparently there are 2 parallel processes operating in place for the final approval. Provost’s office will eliminate the sign-off by ARC for change of cognates in majors immediately so that approval of the curricular change may be made through faculty governance processes.

**New Business**  
Cognate discussion:

1. Geography and planning wanted to change cognates. Is Declaration of Degree form needed? CLAS CC requested one, but it is unclear from the online forms whether one is needed or not. Discussion ensued. Result was that UCC will be making some changes to the form, but no decision or motion concerning Geography and Planning was made. Some thought this form was submitted in Winter 2009 semester and question whether another form is needed for a program change.
2. Discussion of the history and origins of degree cognates for the B.S. degree at GVSU was presented by M. Northup. In summary, it appears that cognates came about in 1985-86 to ensure that all B.S. students get quantitative analysis skills.

University Requirements Review: Cognates

*Action 1*: The UCC moves to eliminate the ‘Declaration of Undergraduate degree/s offered’ form and move the current language relevant to degree cognates, with minor editorial change, into the New Program Proposal and Program Change Request forms.  One change will be to replace the statement ‘a three-semester sequence of courses’ to ‘a three course sequence…’. Motion passed.

*Action 2*: The UCC moves that the UCC Chair discuss, with the General Education Committee Chair, the relevance of cognate courses for the BS degree in the current general education program, and to have departments review the cognates in each of their majors. Motion passed.

· #6992 EGR 220 NCP   
Action: Approve

· #6970 STA 220 NCP   
Action: Approve  
  
· #6755 Mechanical Engineering PCR   
Action: Amendments requested.  
  
· #7023 FIN 330 NCP   
Action: approved   
  
· #4883 LASL Comprehensive Major Prospectus/Final Plan  
Action: Motion made to support prospectus as a final plan, pending attachment of final plan catalog copy.  
  
· #7010 Special Education PCR   
Action: Motion made to untable, motion approved  
Action: Motion made to approve, motion passed.   
  
· Meeting adjourned, 3:45 PM 