**University Curriculum Committee**

**Minutes of Wednesday, February 10, 2010**

PRESENT:   Robert Adams (Chair), Ruth Ann Brintnall, Martin Burg, Maria Cimitile (ex officio), Marinus DeBruine (for Glenn Pettengill), Christine Drewel, Teresa Bacon-Baugely, Mel Northup, Mark Pestana, Scott Rood, Janki Shah (Student), Claudia Sowa Wojciakowski,

Guest: Cynthia Mader (COE), Cindy Miller (COE)

Approval of the Agenda: approved.

Approval of Minutes from 2/03/2010, approved with edits.

**Report from the Chair:**  UCC recommendations for catalog copy change has been approved by ECS.

**Report from the Provost:**  Formalized online programming initiatives will be presented to ECS on Friday.  A new faculty governance council will be proposed for reviewing online and hybrid courses, and development of policies concerning online course offerings.

**Old Business**

·        #6868 HNR 254 NCP
***Action:  approved pending amendments***

·        #6869 HNR 255 NCP
***Action:  approved***

·        #6870 HNR 274 NCP                                                                                                                                ***Action:  approved pending amendments***

·        #6871 HNR 275 NCP
***Action: approved***

·        **UCC topic discussion: Remedial Course Review** Discussion:  For the remedial courses, who does this serve? Is there value in retaining these as student options for those catagorized as ‘at risk’ or ‘not prepared’ for the Math or the Writing components of the basic skills requirements here at GVSU? Should we examine peer institutions to determine whether we are in line with what they are offering students? After lengthy discourse on these topics, the UCC chair will draft a memo to the constituent groups (units and programs that have students taking these courses) asking about the value of the remedial courses offered at the GVSU. Do these adversely affect faculty workload, peer institutions and departments that offer these sorts of courses? The UCC is requesting more information on these courses as part of a charge to UCC by ECS to review all basic skills curriculum across the entire University system. Constituent groups thus far include English, Math, Writing, Music, Freshman Academy, Admissions, and the Office of Multicultural Affairs.

**New Business**

·        #4884 MA Critical Studies in Education   Prospectus
***Action:  support***ed

·        #4885 Education and Special Education as Second Majors   Prospectus/Final Plan
***Action:  supported***

·        #6850 MS Computing Information Systems   New Certificate
***Action:  approved with amendment***

·        #6937 MS Engineering
***Action:  tabled to wait for PCR***

·        #6399 MGT 668 Drop
***Action:  approve***