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**MINUTES--1996-97 CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING #29**

May 28, 1997; 3:00 p.m.; Behmler Conference Room

Present: Ballou, Ellis, Farrell, Frenier, Hansen, Imholte, Kissock, Korth, J. Lee, Schuman, Whelan

Absent: Bauer, Davis, M. Lee, Thielke, Vickstrom

Guest(s): None

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**DISTRIBUTION OF MATERIALS:**

Mooney distributed copies of two University College/Continuing Education (UC/CEE) semester conversion proposals in the Interdisciplinary Studies area.

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**EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (EDP) REPORT:**

Schuman noted that the Curriculum Committee had discussed earlier in the year in an informal way what would happen with this year's EDP funds. The time has come for the CC to take action on the recommendation from the EDP Subcommittee. He asked Lee, as Chair of the EDP Subcommittee, for a report.

Lee indicated that the EDP grants have been given out annually for a long time. This year the Ford grant is providing substantial development grants for international courses. There are also grants for World Wide Web course development. As we enter into the semester system, the new common experience course must be refined. The EDP Subcommittee agreed that during the summer of 1998 or 1999 we will need 15-18 faculty working on the common experience course. The EDP Subcommittee proposes that this year's EDP funds be frozen to give financial support to faculty working on the common experience in the future.

Schuman mentioned that the EDP budget is allocated \$7,500 each year. If two years' worth of funding is available, then there will be \$15,000 to give faculty. If three years' worth is saved, then each faculty member on the team could be given \$1,000 plus a workshop. Whelan wondered if the EDP funds come from the Dean's Office. Schuman said that they do. Hansen wondered if this would be the "sum total of the carrot." Schuman said it would provide a beginning. Hansen wondered what would happen if faculty don't take the carrot. Schuman said we would have to add incentives. He would talk with Division Chairs about how to best approach the faculty.

Kissock noted that there was a separate budget for the previous common course. He was disappointed that EDP funds would have to be used for the common experience. Schuman did not see this as a recurring use of EDP funds. Once the common experience course is set up, EDP funds will revert to the use they have had in the past. The first group of faculty will have to invent the course; providing funds for course development is in keeping with the intent of EDP funds. Kissock wondered how much money was allocated to the Inquiry budget. Schuman didn't think it was much over \$5,000. Whelan thought that Inquiry had about \$14,000. Mooney said part of the Inquiry funds came from the Inquiry fee assessed to students. [NOTE: According to Dorothy DeJager, the Inquiry SE&E budget was \$14,500, covered convocation speakers, section activities for bonding, telephone, travel, and office supplies. The student fee started at \$10, to cover xeroxing, but was increased to \$32 to cover *all* books, supplies, journals, xeroxed materials.]

**MOTION** (Lee, Farrell): To hold this year's EDP funds until next year for the purpose of common experience course development.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (8-0-0).

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**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SEMESTER COURSE PROPOSALS:**

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Schuman said the University College courses in the Humanities area were being converted to semesters. All of the course proposals are conversions of existing quarter courses. He asked if there were any concerns about the UC Humanities proposals. There were none.

**MOTION** (Hansen, Whelan): To approve all of the *Humanities UC/CEE semester course proposals*--ArtS 1xxx, Beginning Photography; ArtS 1xxx, Watercolor Painting; ArtS 1xxx, Introductory Drawing; ArtS 1xxx, Ceramics I; ArtS 1xxx, Ceramics II; Mus 3xxx, Piano Pedagogy I; Mus 4xxx, Piano Pedagogy II.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (8-0-0).

Ballou said there was a strange sentence in the course description for the photography proposal. Schuman said he would ask the discipline for a correction.

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#### IS UC/CEE Semester Proposals

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Schuman asked CC members to consider the two proposals for IS courses in University College. The proposals were distributed at the beginning of the meeting. These are existing quarter courses which are being converted to semesters.

**MOTION** (Understood): To approve the two *Interdisciplinary Studies UC/CEE semester course proposals*--IS 1033, Growing Up American, and IS 1035, Human Reproduction and Biotechnology: Tinkering with Nature.

**VOTE:** Unanimous in favor (8-0-0).

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#### COMMITTEE RESTRUCTURING:

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Schuman reminded CC members that the Executive Committee had asked all Assembly committees to review their adjunct committees and make a recommendation about continuing these committees. Mooney had included a list of the six adjunct committees to the Curriculum Committee on the agenda. Unless directed differently, Schuman intended to put this discussion off until next year. Other Assembly committees have invited the chair of each adjunct committee to a meeting to have a discussion about the need for each adjunct committee. We've already had a request from the General Education Committee (GEC) to eliminate that committee after the new General Education Program is in place.

Farrell noted that the GEC would continue next year if the CC puts off its discussion. Schuman said he would be comfortable with the GEC continuing next year. There may be general education issues which still need to be resolved.

Ballou said the CC would need more time to do the review well than is available this spring. Kissock suggested that the CC vote to continue all six adjunct committees into next year. Farrell thought it would be confusing for the Executive Committee if we say that the adjunct committees are continued "into" next year.

**MOTION** (Kissock, Whelan): To approve the continuation of the six adjunct committees of the Curriculum Committee for the next academic year.

Imholte was concerned about what the Executive Committee really wanted from the Curriculum Committee. Schuman thought they had "backed off" and were allowing committees to do the review next year. Korth did not like the whole idea of having the parent committees decide whether the adjunct committees should continue. Schuman thought the adjunct committees should say whether there is a need for their committees.

Hansen wondered if the motion on the floor would mean that all six committees would exist for the entire year. Schuman said the answer is yes; the CC could decide next year that some of the adjunct committees would go away the following year.

Farrell noted that the Teacher Education Committee is mandated by an external accrediting agency. Schuman said that

he, as dean, would create such a committee (in the event that Campus Assembly eliminated it) so the teacher education program would be accredited.

Schuman thought that the Executive Committee had discussed at one point having all adjunct committees go out of existence unless there was a vote for continuation. The CC could say that all of its adjunct committees should be continued and then take time next year to do a thorough review. Imholte wondered if the CC had other business to conduct this spring. Schuman said this would be the last meeting unless something new comes up. Imholte suggested that Bert Ahern, who is on the Executive Committee, could be invited to a CC meeting to provide information. To just extend the adjunct committees seems presumptuous. Why not ignore the whole thing? There was some question about what would happen if the CC did not respond. Kiskey thought the Executive Committee would have to decide what to do with the adjunct committees. Schuman said he could tell the Executive Committee that the adjunct committees of the CC should be continued next year. He wondered if Kiskey was willing to withdraw his motion. Kiskey said yes.

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## **FINAL MEETING:**

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Schuman said this would be the final meeting for the year unless new pressing matters arise. He thanked the CC members for their work during a busy year. There was a round of applause for Schuman's leadership of the CC through completion of its workload.

Meeting adjourned 3:30 p.m.  
Submitted by Nancy Mooney

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