

**COMMITTEE ON UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES AND ADVISING**  
Minutes of the Meeting for December 11, 2007

The committee met on Tuesday, December 11, 2007, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Banwart, Blackmore, Bradley, Bruss (guest), Burrigh, Carlson, Childs, Crandall, Crosby, D'Anieri, Dickey, Eggleston (guest), Manning, McNeley, Mort, Rowland (guest), Shaw, Tuozzo (guest)

**MINUTES** The minutes for November 27, 2007, were approved.

**CHAIR'S REPORT** Professor Crandall reported he would be on sabbatical for Spring 2008 and that Professor Carlson would begin as CUSA chair in January. He also reported the Communications and Philosophy departments would be making their presentations and handouts from both departments had been distributed earlier.

**DEAN'S REPORT** Professor D'Anieri reported University Senate voted not to change the range of available grade options at the University to include the A+ grade. Therefore, the College's recently approved plus and minus grading system would not include A+ as a grade option. He also thanked Professor Crandall for his leadership as CUSA Chair during Fall 2007, particularly as CUSA began its assigned charge of reviewing the recommendations from the General Education Task Force.

**CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT** Dr. McNeley reported student evaluations were to begin soon.

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

A. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS

1. Curricular Changes

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approval was granted for: AAAS 317, AMS 317, AMS 696, ANTH 390, ANTH 583,  
GEOG 513, GEOG 535, GEOG 536, HIST 317, WS 317, WS 583

2. Degree Requirements

FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:

Approval was granted for

- a. Change to Math courses that count as Principal Courses
- b. Changes to the Molecular Biosciences BS

B. ACADEMIC STANDARDS—Professor Carlson reported they had scheduled three meetings to process student petitions in the break between Fall 2007 and Spring 2008.

C. ADVISING & AWARDS—No report.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

General Education Task Force Recommendation to consider the status of Mathematics and Electrical Engineering & Computer Science courses in the NM component of the Natural Science/Mathematics requirement.

It was agreed that the approval by CUSA for “Change to Math courses that count as Principal Courses” in the Degree Requirements of this 12/11/07 meeting, addressed the Task Force’s General Education recommendation for review of Mathematics courses in the NM component of the Natural Science/Mathematics requirement.

For Electrical Engineering & Computer Science courses in the NM component of the Natural Science/Mathematics requirement, it was recommended that the EECS Department be asked to prepare an updated list of EECS courses for CUSA to review.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Chair Rowland and Professor Bruss from Communications and Chair Tuozzo and Professor Eggleston from Philosophy presented their respective input on the Task Force’s General Education recommendation to consider the status of the COMS 130/230 or PHIL 148/310 courses in the Speech/Logic requirement. Following discussion of the presentations, it was recommended that the title of the requirement box be changed to better reflect both the purpose of the requirement and the possibility that other courses might also fulfill the requirement. The following motion was made, seconded and called for vote:

### **FULL COMMITTEE ACTION:**

Motion approved unanimously: To change the designation of the requirement box title to “Argument and Reason” and to retain the current COMS 130/COMS 230 or PHIL 148/PHIL 310 as courses that fulfill the requirement.

**The meeting was adjourned at 12:35 P.M.**