

College for Seniors  
Curriculum Committee  
Minutes of February 21, 2008

The Curriculum Committee met in Scheman following the Spring Preview of Courses.

Absent: Anita Beal, Bill LaGrange

Guest: Laurent Hodges

1. The minutes of the January meeting were distributed, read, and approved.
2. A brief update on enrollments:
  - Winter 2008: 103 (sufficient to meet the budget)
  - Spring 2008: 5 courses are filled, 3 have low enrollments, the rest are doing well.
3. Barbara Matthies reported on a contact with a member of the curriculum committee of a similar program in Portland, Oregon, and handed out a list of some of their course topics. One suggestion arising from this was to consider offering some one-day tours as part of CFS.
4. **Jan Breitman** will investigate adding a line in upcoming CFS course catalogs to solicit additional monetary contributions along with tuition. Some applicants have asked about this possibility.
5. The proposal from OASIS distributed at the January meeting was rejected. CFS instructors plan their own courses, so the proffered materials on “The Immigration Experience” were not deemed necessary for purchase. **Jorgen Rasmussen or Jan Breitman** will inform OASIS of this decision.
6. A course proposal on legal issues was considered. Discussion centered on the propriety of having students buy the instructor’s book. **Alvie Young** will contact the presenter to clarify the cost of the book, whether it is to be required, and how proceeds from its sale will be used.
7. An extensive update on proposed courses for Fall 2008 followed. **Martha Rasmussen** will contact Carol Volker about the Personal Finance course.
8. Barbara Matthies requested clarification about free tuition for instructors and “shepherds.”
  - There is no time limit for making use of the one-course free tuition by someone who has instructed a CFS course.
  - A course “shepherd” from the Curriculum Committee does not pay tuition for the relevant course but is expected to attend it.
9. Discussion ensued about the feasibility of offering Web-based or distance education courses. The consensus was that they are expensive, need access to special equipment on campus, and could be difficult for many instructors to organize. However, this might be a format to employ in the future.

10. Carol Phillips introduced Laurent Hodges, who is considering joining this committee.

Meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM. The next meeting will be on **Thursday, March 20**, probably at the ISU Foundation.

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara Matthies