

Minutes of the Curriculum Committee Meeting of 21 August 2008

In attendance were Jim Almquist, Anita Beal, JoAnn Brown, Doug Finnemore, Laurent Hodges, Clair Keller, Bill LaGrange, Don Lambert, Carol Phillips, Martha Rasmussen, and Sam Wormley. Absent were Jan Breitman and Larry Mitchell.

- 1) The meeting was called to order by the co-chairs and each person introduced themselves with a brief statement about their field of interest.
- 2) Phillips called for volunteers to take notes of the Curriculum Committee Meetings. DKF volunteered for this meeting.
- 3) Meeting time for the committee was discussed and it was agreed that the normal time will be the 3rd Thursday of each month unless otherwise agreed. For September the meeting will be 11 September 2008 at 420 Beech Street.
- 4) Minutes of the 15 May 2008 meeting were discussed and approved.
- 5) Letterhead paper for correspondence by the committee was requested. Phillips said she would discuss it with Breitman.
- 6) Procedures to suggest new courses and the need to use the Course Proposal Form were discussed.
- 7) The deadlines for the schedule of classes are 1 November 2008 for winter term and 15 December 2008 for spring term.
- 8) Winter courses were discussed in sequence. A) The *Computer* course is not quite ready, but it is expected to be OK. B) The *Going Green* course will emphasize actions individuals may take to avoid global warming, but the speaker list is not complete. C) The *Story of Railroads* has Richard Steffen, Alan Spohnheimer, Don Forsling, and Peggy Baer as suggested contributors. D) *Ames Authors* will be shepherded by Jorgensen with help from Beal. E) Harry Campbell is not back so the *Literature* course will await his return. F) No one has discussed the *Writing* course with Marquart so it is deleted for this cycle. G) The *Ames Water Supply* course is on hold until further discussion can be had with speakers. H) *Cooking for One* will remain on the list but as of now there is neither a place nor a person to lead for the course. I) *Mark Twain* is OK for Monday at 11:00 am with Keith Carlson. J) *Issues in Women's History* is on track with Dorothy Schwieder. K) *Poker* looks OK but Phillips needs to talk to Andy Terry. L) *Computer* courses look OK. M) *Art Outside the Museum* with Dennis Dake, Tom Beall, and Wes Shanks looks OK for Monday 1:00 to 2:30 PM. [Is this for Winter?]
- 9) Spring courses were discussed. A) Lambert agreed to shepherd the *Industry* course. B) *Great Decisions* is OK for both Ames and Des Moines. The only question is whether the Des Moines course is 6 or 8 weeks. C) *Mark Twain* will not be taught in Spring. D) Vondra's *Geology* course is OK. E) The *Digital Photography* courses are OK. F) The *Books and Literature* course requires conversation with Harry Campbell. G) Lambert will look into a course on the *Middle East*. H) Keller will call Dorothy Schwieder about the *Iowa Immigrants Ethnicity* course. I) The *Water Colors* course with Frank Allen may be OK but we need to consult Rollie Struss. J) The *What is There?* course with Frank Rizzo is OK. K) The *Cold War's Spy Wars* course with Larry Campbell will be pursued. L) Anita Beal will pursue an *Ames Authors* course. M) Almquist

indicated that he would pursue a course based on the *4H. N) An Iowa Wine*
course was discussed.
10) The meeting adjourned

Respectfully Submitted

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