

Minutes of Curriculum Committee
11-21-08

Persons Present: Hodges, LaGrange, Keller, Phillips, Wormley, Finnemore, M. Rasmussen, and Breitman.

Persons Absent: Brown, Mitchell, Crouse, Beal, Lambert, and Almquist.

Minutes of Previous Meeting were approved.

Winter 2009 Course Discussion

- 1) Ames Water Supply Course is deleted
- 2) Cooking for One Course is deleted
- 3) Digital Photography Course is added
- 4) Poker Course will not be offered
- 5) Marti Rasmussen will shepherd the Art Beyond the Museum Course
- 6) Our Fascination with Railroads course is a go. Marti Rasmussen is shepherd for this course.

Spring 2009 Course Discussion

- 1) Bert Drexler's History of Broadway Course will meet twice per week for 4 weeks
- 2) Digital Photography will complement the Broadway Course times
- 3) Several options for Middle East Courses were discussed
- 4) There was discussion of a Darwin Course follow-on
- 5) Great Decisions is a go for both Ames and Des Moines
- 6) Issues in Women's History is a Go
- 7) Geology Course is a Go
- 8) Bill Boon's Flowers that Can't Wait Course is a Go
- 9) Computers Course is a Go
- 10) Campus Art Course (Nancy Gebbart) was discussed but no decision was taken
- 11) The Industry Course is a Go
- 12) Sam Wormley did a lot of adjusting to make the schedule work.

Other Issues

- 1) There was discussion of the use of Wesley Acres as a venue.
- 2) It was suggested that anyone giving a lecture in a course may attend any of the other lectures in the same course without charge.
- 3) There was a lengthy discussion of ways to handle Membership
- 4) There was discussion of a future Particle Physics Course
- 5) There was discussion of Distance Education Courses and an on-line format
- 6) Use of an Elder Hostel format was discussed
- 7) The sound system in the Reiman Ballroom was discussed

The Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted

D. K. Finnemore