

Faculty Policies Minutes---September 24, 2007

Attending: Jim Benedict, Rob Bledsoe, Tom Colbert, Tom Crute, Charles Jackson, Wayne Mixon, Stephanie Myers, Carol Rychly, Jana Sandarg, Robert Smalley, Debbie van Tuyll, Steve Weiss. Guest: Quentin Kuyper from Continuing Education.

Minutes of the September 17 meeting were approved as corrected.

Quentin Kuyper was present to let the committee know about Continuing Education's efforts in Cullum and Cullum-like activities. Continuing Education would like to offer programs to the community that involve academic studies. However, he did not want continuing education to compete with Cullum, but rather complement it, helping the community participate in Cullum lectures and events. In fact, they did so last year and had 10 people sign up. Despite (or because of) fees charged at the events, attendance was up for that Cullum. The committee noted that the earliest Cullum could be restarted would be in Spring 2010 and encouraged Continuing Ed to keep community interest alive with other programs. Some of the possible program types included a "1 day semester" where 3 "exciting" lectures were given in one day during a large congregation of people on campus, like an open house or parents' day. Alternately, several lectures could be given over the course of a few weeks. Although model programs cost \$250, studies have shown that the most the local market will pay is \$59.

Sullivan is actively looking for money to fund Cullum. He suggested the possibility of competing for student activity funds (although members who have served on this committee noted that this is small pool of funds) and from foundation money. It was suggested that since lectures in the Lyceum series are poorly attended, this money might be transferred to Cullum.

The committee agreed to recommend that Cullum be housed in the Arts and Sciences Dean's office and be run as a 2900 course. However, there was substantial debate as to the best place to put the program as part of an academic curriculum. This led to a discussion of the purpose and nature of Cullum.

The committee decided that decisions about Cullum would be made more easily if the Cullum program and its objectives were more clearly defined. Because there is not a good definition of Cullum, recommendations concerning issues such as its location in an academic program, how to get people to participate, who should participate, etc. are difficult to make. Therefore, several committee members are going to attempt definitions and we will look at these definitions with the goal of adding one to our recommendation next week.

The committee considered the current FRFD proposal. A timeline was agreed upon as well as other revisions. This revised proposal will be sent to the FRFD committee for review.

van Tuyll will bring snacks to the next meeting.