

**Curriculum Committee**  
**February 12, 2009**  
**Minutes**  
**AT 144A 4:00 p.m.**

**Members Present:** Gregg Davis, Kathy Hughes, Faith Hodges, Bill Roope, George Shryock, Carole Bergin, Pete Wade, Janice Alexander, and Sue Justis.

**Others present:** Dan Voermans, Ivan Lorentzen, Brenda Hanson, Marlene Stoltz, Cindy Kiefer, Nancy Clawson, David Scott, and Sharon Nau.

**Approval of January 29, 2009, minutes**

The minutes were approved as read.

**Action Items**

**Graduation Requirement Waiver request, p. 4 - APPROVED**

**Graduation Requirement Substitution request, p. 5 - APPROVED**

**Graduation Requirement Substitution request, p. 6 - APPROVED**

**Curriculum Submissions**

- **Scholars Program (new) – APPROVED**

Janice Alexander reported that the Scholars Program had the approval of the Faculty Senate. Ivan Lorentzen said the program had been discussed in general terms for a while and now had all the specifics outlined. The Scholars Program will follow a model embraced by Montana State University. The course descriptions are generic right now but will be more detailed as they are being taught. George Shryock asked about the general education requirements, and Ivan said the students will choose how they will apply them. Institutions will evaluate the credits by reading the course descriptions. Pete Wade thought the math classes were okay for AA math but not for AS math. Ivan will look at how MSU and UM treat these same issues and maybe FVCC will put a limit of three credits on them. Students will enroll in one course per semester, and only three courses will transfer. The master list of courses will be dependent on which faculty will teach each semester. Much discussion followed, and Pete Wade moved to approve the Scholars Program and all thirteen courses with the following conditions: 1) Social Sciences A and B need to be clearly explained in the course descriptions. 2) The math courses are to be applied to the AA degree only and have the MA only designation. 3) In the Natural Sciences, the only designation is N. 4) All the course titles will vary, and this needs to be stated in the catalog. George Shryock seconded the motion, and it was approved unanimously.

- **HONS 251HSA Honors: Humanities/Social Science-A (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 252HMA Honors: Humanities/Math (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 253HN Honors: Humanities/Science (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 254MASA Honors: Social Science-A/Math (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 255NSA Honors: Social Science-A/Science (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 256MAN Honors: Science/Math (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 257HSB Honors: Humanities/Social Science-B (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 258NSB Honors: Science/Social Science-B (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 259MASB Honors: Math/Social Science-B (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 260FSA Honors: Fine Arts/Social Science-A (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 261FSB Honors: Fine Arts/Social Science-B (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 262FN Honors: Fine Arts/Science (new) - APPROVED**
- **HONS 263FMA Honors: Fine Arts/Math (new) - APPROVED**

- **ART 208** Portrait Painting I (new) – **APPROVED**

Carole Bergin said this course was originally titled Portrait Drawing. It has been changed to Portrait Painting, and complements the other art classes. Faith Hodges moved to approve, and Sue Justis seconded the motion. It was unanimously approved.

- **ENGL 215** African-American Writers (revision) – **TABLED FOR REVISION**

Carole Bergin said the listing of authors' names made the course more attractive, according to instructor Christy Kabler. Discussion followed, and questions were raised about the learner outcomes and the length of the course description. Pete Wade moved to table the course with edits being made to the learner outcomes and to further refine the course description, and Sue Justis seconded. It was unanimously approved to table the course for revision.

- **Cabinet and Furniture Technology Certificate of Applied Science** (new) – **APPROVED**

Janice Alexander said the Faculty Senate supported the program, but wondered if there were jobs at the end of the certificate. Bill Roope said the jobs are not high paying, but the certificate provides support to unemployed people (for example, CFAC re-training) and takes advantage of the TAA funding. Their workers are not eligible unless FVCC offers a program. Bill created one capstone course and combined it with other existing courses, which gives a manufacturing twist to this program. Carole Bergin moved to approve the program and BT 221, Pete Wade seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

- **BT 221** Advanced CNC Woods Manufacturing (new) - **APPROVED**

#### **Discussion Items**

- Graduation requirement substitutions/waivers – how much information should be recorded in the minutes? After much discussion, it was decided to keep as is.
- General Education – George Shryock talked about the last meeting he attended. There is a chasm between students and educators and what they think is important. Students do not typically appreciate general education requirements. George will attend a conference in April where they will discuss the value or nature of whether or not to unify the gen. eds. across the MUS. The council is very interested in bringing the tribal colleges on board. Once the transfer initiative alignment is over, FVCC should review its own gen. eds., possibly in 2010. George referred the committee to an article that George Dennison wrote highlighting the Davidson Honors College, and said he would copy it, as it is well written and worth reading.
- Common Course Numbering – proposed line item changes (in red) for Common Course Numbering on submission form - **TABLED**