

MINUTES
CoSS Curriculum Committee Meeting
May 11, 2005

Present: Darrah, Chuck (Anthropology); Todd, Anne Marie (Communication Studies); Stringham, Ed (Economics); Helgren, David (Geography); Roth, Jonathan (History); Danopoulos, Constantine (Political Science); Prins, Annabel (Psychology); Chua, Peter (Sociology); Rooks, Curtiss (Social Science); Kauppila, Paul (Library); and Schwarz, David (Chair)

Absent: Klee, Gary (Environmental Studies)

Guest: Vasquez, George (will assume position of Associate Dean and Committee Chair in Fall 2005)

1. **Minutes** of the November 10, 2005 meeting were approved unanimously.
2. **Full Implementation Proposal for a B.A. Degree program in Foreign Language and International Economics.** Though comments were generally supportive, the committee voted unanimously to return this proposal to the Economics Department with the following recommendations for re-submission in Fall 2005.
 - a. Chairs of both departments are urged to attend the meeting to present the plan and respond to questions.
 - b. More synthesis between the economics and foreign language portions of the major seems needed. Recommendations are:
 - Better definition of learning objectives and a fuller assessment plan.
 - A capstone experience, probably in a language course.
 - 100W to introduce the major and its objectives, not for an exit survey.
 - A focus of some of the Economics courses to match the language region.
 - c. Students may be better served if the program is managed at a single location.
 - d. Request consideration of other CoSS courses having regional emphasis as supporting courses or recommended electives.
3. **Permanent Course Proposal for COMM 116. Mediation: Theory and Practice.** Approved unanimously.
4. With the committee's endorsement, Jonathan Roth will prepare a statement expressing concern about the high loss-rate of books and other materials from the MLK Library and the inadequacy of funds for their replacement.