

## MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 19, 2014, MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

**Location:** Gardiner Hall 240

**Present:** Simona Bertacco, Matt Church, Changbing Hu, Kimberly Kempf-Leonard, Dwain Pruitt, Christopher Tillquist

**Absent:** Humberto Rodriguez Gutierrez, Wendy Yoder, Haifeng Zhang

The meeting was convened at 9:02 AM.

After the agenda was distributed, Dean Kimberly Kempf-Leonard charged the committee. Dean Leonard offered general observations about her priorities and areas of curricular concern. The dean specifically mentioned the following areas of curricular concern: the current moratorium on new academic programs and ways that the College can encourage interdisciplinarity by drawing on existing faculty resources; addressing questions of student demand and course availability, mentioning that she wants to evaluate course sequencing to see if any department is staffing undersubscribed 300- and 400-level that might profitably be changed to general education offerings; and addressing concerns about advising and the College's approaches to academic discipline issues. She concluded by encouraging the committee to help her "think through how it all fits together."

The committee will meet on a biweekly basis beginning on September 5, 2014. These meetings will be held in Gardiner Hall 340 on Fridays from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM. Responding to a question from Dr. Tillquist, Dr. Pruitt noted that, should the committee's work require it, the committee may begin meeting weekly later in the semester.

Dr. Christopher Tillquist agreed to serve as the committee's chair.

Dr. Simona Bertacco agreed to serve as the committee's representative to the University's General Education Curriculum Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:28 AM.

Respectfully submitted,

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