

INTERCOLLEGE COORDINATION PANEL
MEETING MINUTES
18 February 2000

Present at the February 18, 2000, meeting were Vicki Clegg, Jerry Reeck, Richard Gallagher, John Allard and Caleb Blanding. Caleb Blanding took the minutes for the February 18, 2000, meeting.

DISCUSSION OF MINUTES

The minutes from the January 21, 2000, ICCP meeting were declared approved as written.

UGE WEB SITE

Those present discussed the recent updates made to the UGE web site. There are now two possible UGE-related links on the main UGE page, one for students and one for advisors. There has been positive feedback regarding the new layout of the UGE site. The sitemeter that has been installed is helpful in managing the UGE site. The sitemeter acts as a counter and also tracks statistics about the site's visitors, for instance the frequency of visitors to the UGE site during enrollment periods.

Clegg noted some inconsistencies between the Registrar's UGE course list and the annotated UGE course list. The Registrar's list has not been updated to include the last two groups of courses approved by Faculty Senate in December and February. Clegg will contact Don Foster to determine the best way to provide accurate and updated listings for the web site.

UGE COURSES ON THE DARS SYSTEM

The issue was raised about whether the DARS system is able to determine if a course was a UGE course when a student took it even if it is no longer a UGE course. A problem may exist when a course is taken off the UGE course list after a student had taken it as a UGE course in an earlier semester. If the system does not contain that information, the student or advisor would need to remember that the course was a UGE course at the time it was taken. Otherwise, additional UGE coursework may be required of that student unnecessarily.

CHANGING PROFESSORS OF UGE COURSES

Some courses may have different professors than when they were approved as UGE courses, which could result in the course no longer being taught in conformance with the UGE guidelines. Those who are teaching a UGE course should conform to the UGE standards through their methods of teaching. Clegg will mention this issue to the P2 committee.

ASSESSMENT OF UGE

The P2 Assessment Committee is discussing the possibility of comparing original UGE course proposals and current teaching methods to determine whether courses are being taught as they were approved. The P2 committee has been discussing the methods of evaluating courses, and they have concluded that probably the total number of UGE-approved courses should be divided across a four or five year period for evaluation. This will result in groupings of approximately equal numbers of courses reviewed each year to make the process more manageable.

GRANTS FOR UPPER-DIVISION UGE COURSES

There was some discussion about re-establishing grants to support the development of upper-division UGE courses. At the January ICCP meeting, Provost Coffman requested a clear proposal from ICCP regarding why and how this should be done. Options were considered: grants to departments rather than to individuals; a graduate assistant assigned to support a department working on such course proposals; grants similar to the earlier grants for faculty members developing "new" upper-division UGE courses. It was also acknowledged that some upper-division courses would not need much, if any, change in order to be approved for UGE credit. Because so few ICCP members were present, no decisions were made regarding a proposal on this issue.

The meeting was adjourned.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE ICCP WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 17, 2000, FROM NOON TO 1:00 IN CALVIN 301.