

Core Curriculum Reconciliation Committee
Minutes for February 13, 2015

Present: Laurie Britt-Smith, Jocelyn Bennett-Garraway, Julia Eisenstein, Todd Hibbard, Matt Mio, Mark Schumack, Kate Walters, Carol Weisfeld

- I. **Review of 1/6/2015 minutes.** Laurie Britt-Smith should have been listed as present.
- II. **Assignment of minutes-taker.** Carol volunteered.
- III. **Jeffe Boats proposal.** Committee members discussed the 1/7/15 communication from Professor Boats regarding the rejection of his course, MED 4840, which he had proposed to fulfill the History learning outcome (D1). Both the content of the decision to reject, on the part of the History Department, and the appeals process were discussed. **Members agreed that, in general, learning outcomes are a valid criterion for rejection, while questioning the qualifications of the instructor is invalid.** History's brief feedback to Professor Boats makes it difficult for him to resubmit. After considerable discussion about setting precedents, members agreed to appoint a subcommittee to request a meeting with the History Department co-chairs and Professor Boats, to agree on what is needed in a re-submission. Subcommittee members are Julie, Mark and Todd.

Should this attempt at reconciliation fail, the CCRC would act to make a recommendation and send it in the overall report to the MFA for approval.
- IV. **Proposal submissions and Review Committees.** Members reviewed the status of proposals and discussed how to nudge Review Committees about meeting deadlines. Everything "in the pipeline" needs to be finished.
- V. **Recommendations for CCRC Final Report.** Agreement that we will continue to push to meet deadlines, but we need a contingency plan if we need more time. This will need to be discussed at the Feb. 19th MFA meeting. One possibility is to extend the service of the "old" MFA beyond April 17th, so that they can vote on the Final Report before the "new" members take over officially. Members were asked to reflect on what recommendations should be included in the Final Report.
- VI. **Next Meeting.** Julia will send out a Doodle Poll to schedule it.

Respectfully submitted, Carol Weisfeld