

**Core Curriculum Reconciliation Committee
Minutes for January 16, 2015 meeting**

Present: Carol Weisfeld, Stephanie Conant, Julia Eisenstein, Todd Hibbard, Matt Mio, Noah Resnick, Mark Schumack, Kate Walters, Jocelyn Bennett-Garraway

Excused: Laurie Britt-Smith

I. **Review of 12/11/2014 minutes.** There were no comments on the minutes.

II. **Assignment of minutes-taker.** Mark volunteered to take minutes.

III. **Proposal submissions.**

Kate has disbursed approximately 30 proposals to date. As of this morning, there are approximately 40 additional proposals to be processed and sent to relevant committees for decisions. Julia volunteered to help Kate perform initial screenings.

IV. **Recently received correspondence:** letter from the McNichols Deans, letter from religious community members, and the "Letter of Grave Concern."

The Letter of Grave Concern and letter from the religious communities: These letters address the structure of the new core which was approved by the MFA in 2011. Revisiting the new core curriculum is not within the CRCC's charge. The committee held a lengthy discussion on whether the new core requirements result in a diminishment UDM's core values.

Letter from the McNichols Deans: after discussion of the letter's contents, the committee decided that Julia would draft a response indicating that the CCRC appreciates the concerns raised by the Deans, but is nevertheless proceeding with the MFA-approved process outlined at the CRCC's inauguration. As part of the process we are addressing some of the issues raised in letter. These issues and others will be addressed as part of the recommendations we make to the MFA in late March or early April.

Letter from Jeffe Boats: Jeffe Boats' proposal for MED 4840, History of Mathematics, was rejected for inclusion under proficiency D1, Historical Knowledge. He wrote a letter to the CCRC asking that the committee advocate for the class. All members were charged with reading the proposal in the light of the D1 outcomes in anticipation of making a recommendation at the next meeting.

VI. **Next meeting.** Julia will send out a Doodle survey to schedule the next meeting to be held in about two weeks.

Submitted by M. Schumack on February 4, 2015.