

UCC Council Meeting  
Minutes for October 17, 2008.

Present: Mark Krahling, Tom Pickett, Jim Bandoli, Blaine Gooch, Brian Posler, Julie McCullough, Stephanie Bennett, Leslie Roberts, Dane Partridge

1. Meeting called to order at 3:05

2. Reports and Announcements:

a) There was discussion concerning the Core presentation during Southern Hospitality Days. It was decided to leave the scheduling as it currently is.

b) Exploring Majors Fair is scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 23.

c) Astrophysicist Alan Lightman is visiting campus October 23 as part of the Core Speakers Series. He will speak to the public at 7 pm in Carter Hall.

3. The minutes from the September 12th meeting were approved (McCullough, Gooch).

4. Old Business

a) The subject of course substitution was discussed. No action was taken, but it was proposed that any student graduating without completing the entire Core would have it noted on his/her transcript.

b) The Council discussed the issue of making the Core accessible via Distance Education. It was noted that providing laboratory courses over the Internet is problematic. Dane Partridge and Julie McCullough volunteered to accompany Mark Krahling to meet with ITS to discuss this.

c) Mark Krahling reported on progress updating the Core guidebook.

d) The Council has been invited to suggest speakers for the 2009 - 2010 Core Speakers Series.

5. New Business

Mark reported on efforts underway to resurrect Getting to the Core workshops, particularly aimed at new faculty.

6. Course Review/Assessment

Teams were formed for the assessment of this year's courses, and the assessment calendar was announced. It was agreed that the review materials would be made accessible through Blackboard.

7. Spring Retreat

The date has not been finalized; it will be either Jan. 16th, 23rd, or 30th. Topics are, tentatively,

a) Category revisions

b) 1st year experience

c) honor's curriculum

d) assessment day exam

8. Meeting adjourned at 4:15. Next meeting: November 21st, UC205.

Obsequiously submitted, Tom Pickett, secretary du jour.