

Minutes of the Undergraduate Studies Committee
Friday, February 18, 2005
2:05 to 3:04 p.m.
HC 9030D

Members present: Craig Bertolet (Chair), Justin Lowery, Jim Ryan, Dennis Rygiel, Don Wehrs

I. Announcements

- a. In response to a question from the previous meeting, Craig Bertolet reported that 34% of the 243 current students listing English as their first major have a cumulative GPA of 3.25 or higher.
- b. Craig next gave a brief report about Major Decision Day.
- c. Finally, he noted that the course description booklet for Summer 2005 was done, and that by the end of the following week both the Summer and Fall 2005 booklets would be available in the main office.

II. Approval of Minutes for 4 February 2005

The minutes of the February 4, 2005 meeting were approved with corrections.

III. Undergraduate Awards

Craig Bertolet briefly reported on the undergraduate awards process, including both entries and the securing of judges.

IV. Discussion of ENGL 4690 Directed Readings Guidelines.

The committee briefly discussed Cedrick May's written comments on the guidelines for ENGL 4690 that were approved at the last meeting (the comments had not been distributed at that meeting).

V. Discussion of Proposals for Revision of the Senior Seminar

Discussion focused on the proposed prerequisites (ENGL 1127 or department approval) for the revision of the Senior Seminar. The main issues discussed were practicality (how these two prerequisites would work and what the effects would be) and philosophy (whether the seminar should be considered a perk and limited to a select group of students or whether it should be open to all students who have completed the freshman composition requirements.) There were differences of opinion on these matters, and the discussion ended with an intention to vote at the next meeting on a motion to make the prerequisite for the course "ENGL 1120 or 1127."

Submitted by Dennis Rygiel