

Minutes of Undergraduate Studies Committee
Wednesday, October 12, 2005
2:00-3:00
HC 9030D

Members Present: Craig Bertolet (Chair), Chris Forhan, Judy Hinz, Cedrick May, Isabelle Thompson, Don Wehrs

Business

1. Announcements

We will offer 55 rather than 58 sections of undergraduate English major classes during the 2006-07 academic year. This is the same number of sections being offered currently. The extra sections of Early Shakespeare, Topics in Language Study, and Literature and Culture will not be offered.

During the 2006-07 academic year, we plan to offer the second American Literature survey course rather than Classical Background.

We hope to offer a section of Creative Writing during Summer 2006.

All assessment materials for the Undergraduate Program have been submitted.

2. Approval of Minutes for September 28, 2005

3. Discussion of Revising the Current Assessment Procedure

The discussion of revising the current assessment procedure for the undergraduate major was wide ranging. A new plan is due by November 16. These are some topics mentioned.

- Dropping the surveys. Response to the surveys that are currently part of the assessment plan has been very low, so they have provided little information over the years.
- Maintaining the same objectives. The committee members seemed to agree that the current objectives are reasonable.
- Determining why the writing from undergraduates is so poor.
- Expanding the sample to include junior English majors as well as seniors
- Reconsidering which papers to ask for, particularly to eliminate receiving multiple papers from the same student
- Correlating the rating on the paper with what was done in the class.