Meeting Minutes for September 29th 2011

Curriculum Committee

Subcommittee of the Academic Senate

Present: Jim Arnold, Ken Meier, Cari Torres, Rinetta Early, Sara McKinnon, Joanna Pinckney, Chris Schultz,

Absent: Kristi Kuhn, Mary Pieper-Warren, A. Joe Ritchie, Caterina Labriola, Rebecca Beal, Bonnie Borenstein

Resource: Kim O’Gara

Items Discussed:

1. The Committee had an extended discussion regarding the proposed Biology Degree and curriculum. The proposed change to the degree requirements further increases the number on courses. The Committee felt that the degree requires too many units and few or no students will take the degree. The group had been in a continued discussion of the number of degrees the college offers that very few students ever get, as well as the large number of required units for a degree. Clearly, the advent of 1440 Transfer/Degree development will influence what college’s offer in the future and may change what we do at COM.
2. Chris agreed to invite David Egert, Becky Brown, Jim Arnold and other members of the Biology Department to a CC meeting to discuss their Degree and the implications for students.
3. Ken recommended a review of Bessie NgJung’s, counselor, analysis of the Biology Curriculum. Chris will request a copy.

Courses Approved:

1. BOS 120
2. BOS 122A,B,C
3. BOS 163A, B, C
4. BOS 230A,B