

UCT Minutes 5/8/09

Present: Sue Barrett, Chris Hepburn, Rita Olivieri, Virginia Reinburg, Pat DeLeeuw, Fred Yen (sec'y for the day), Don Hafner, Pete Wilson.

The first item of business was the minutes of April 24, 2009, which the Committee approved.

The Committee next discussed the Credit for Advanced Placement Proposal, which had been previously circulated (copy attached). Don Hafner said he will give Chris further comments to bring it closer to a proposal that could be implemented. Chris will also further revise the proposal and circulate it to members before submitting to the Provost.

Several points were raised:

The proposal is directed primarily to the core curriculum requirements and language. Individual departments remain free to use AP credits as they see fit. Possibility of allowing students to take, for example, a more advanced history class rather than placing out of a history requirement altogether. Strong consensus that high school AP courses are not equivalent to a college class at BC.

The Committee then turned to discussion of the Teaching Award proposal. Among the issues raised:

Presently structured as \$25k one-time award.
Would be good to have a permanent memorial of recipients, perhaps a plaque in a prominent location of honor.
How should the selection committee be composed? Right now, the process starts with student nominations. Some general sentiment for a combined committee of students (including grad/professional students) and faculty. The Provost would have final approval.
What is good teaching? Left up to those selecting, but it could include traditional lecturing that is done very well.
Limit on how often one can win award? Once in a career.
What do we ask of winner? One workshop. Not too big a series for reasons of burden and type of award winner.
Once nominated, a candidate remains eligible for consideration for three years.

Pat DeLeeuw will re-circulate proposal after revision.