

Minutes
University Council on Teaching
November 2, 2004

Committee Members

Chris Hepburn, chair
Sue Barrett
James Gips
Mary Jo Hughes
Bill Petri
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Guests

Associate Academic Vice President for Faculties Pat Deleeuw
Associate Academic Vice President for Undergraduate Programs Joe Burns
Graduate Assistant Marlene Kuhlmann

Chris Hepburn started the meeting by introducing Jim Gips as a new member of the UCT. He and Robin Wood will be replacing Theresa Hammond and Judy Vessey on the council.

Sue Barrett updated the group on plans for the Andover Weekends. A successful practice day was held in June, 2003, and two weekends are planned for spring 2005. The weekends will run from Friday afternoon to Saturday evening and will focus on teaching. Participants will be a mix of new and experienced faculty.

Bill Petri, Ellen Winner and Sue Barrett reported on the Topic-Based Freshman Advising Seminars that were initiated by the UCT last spring. Six seminars are running this semester and are fully enrolled. Two one-day meetings were held with the seminar faculty over the summer, with discussions of the goals of the courses, the material to be covered in the different seminars, advising issues and possibilities for class outings. Each faculty member created a course pack, copies of which will be kept in the Office of Academic Vice President. The group discussed the possibility of broadening the scope of the seminars to include students and faculty beyond the College of Arts and Sciences. This would affect the advising component of the course, but the coming advising center might help in that area. Also discussed was the possibility of a three-credit version of the seminars.

Associate Vice Presidents DeLeeuw and Burns led a discussion of the proposed revision of the student course evaluations. BC's current system is quite dated and fails to take advantage of the online technology used at many schools. One proposal is that BC consider separating the evaluative and developmental el

