Curricular Affairs Committee Minutes 13 January 2017 1-2 pm eLearning Conference Room

Members present: Ken Abramowicz; Ana Aguilar-Islas; Alex Fitts; Eileen Harney, Chair; Jayne Harvie; Ginny Kinne; Holly McDonald; Rainer Newberry; Caty Oehring

Members absent: Casey Byrne; Cindy Hardy; Clair Gelvin-Smith; Bradley Moran; Kathleen Quick; Dejan Raskovic

The meeting was called to order at 1:04 pm by Chairperson Eileen Harney.

Eileen asked for a person to take minutes and R J. Newberry agreed to do so.

The agenda was amended to include a presentation on the student misconduct policy by Dean of Students Laura McCollough. She was moved to the start of the meeting.

Dean McCollough described the vetting progress so far with the proposed policy. She has met with us (in the fall) and with Faculty Affairs and is planning to meet with GAAK. Ken suggested emailing to a widespread group of faculty for comments. We discussed mechanisms to get more student input as well and to make sure that the Deans looked at it. Dean McCollough plans to return to a future CAC meeting to overview remaining problems. Our intention is to get the faculty senate to approve SOMETHING in time for next year's catalog.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

We agreed to meet for the rest of the semester on alternate Friday mornings 10:30-11:30 am at a place to be announced.

The committee considered the proposed minor in Ethnobotany. A member pointed out that one of the required courses is currently scheduled for every other spring. This would seem to make getting the minor somewhat problematic. Eileen promised to look into whether the frequency of offering could be modified. The committee unanimously approved the Ethanobotany minor with the proviso that the course offering frequency be checked, and modified if possible.

Update on the ANS GER 'requirement': Jennifer Carroll had agreed to chair a committee to investigate the practicability of the proposed 'requirement'. Given her ongoing health issues, she felt it was best that someone else take this on. Jessica Black was asked by Jennie C. to take this on and Jessica agreed to do so. Eileen thought it important that a few of us meet with Jessica to explain our understanding of the issues raised. Eileen, Rainer, and Holly agreed to do so at a time in the near future.

Concurrent high school student enrollment update: Ick. Not clear what we can do, but all agreed that the fac senate should be notified of such.

President Johnson's plan RE school of education was brought up. Many bad words, not suitable for the minutes, were spoken. The question was raised: can fac senate do anything useful here? Should CAC do something? All were unhappy, but no one expressed any thoughts besides anger and dismay. On that cheerless note we adjourned at 2 pm.