

## **Ethics FCC Meeting Minutes 11/9/07**

Present: Larry Nelson (chair), Mike Meyer, Chris Kulp, David DeCosse, Marilyn Edelstein, Manny Velasquez, Barbara Molony.

1. Information. Barbara informed us that two rounds of approximately equal funding for new or revised Core course development will be available, one this year and one next, and that faculty development workshops will be offered in the summer of 08 for core courses in the experiential learning, STS, C&I, Sustainability, and CW&T areas. She suggested that the Committee consider organizing an ethics faculty development workshop in the summer of 09. David reported that the Ethics Center is considering organizing such an ethics workshop as part of its Ethics Across the Curriculum initiative. Barbara also mentioned that the Committee will be entitled to review and reevaluate previously approved courses if the faculty member teaching the course changes.
2. The Committee decided that Barbara need not attend all of its regular meetings, that she will be kept apprized of its activities via email, and that it will invite her to any meeting at which her presence and expertise would be of particular assistance.
3. The Committee discussed the need for creating a document that would guide faculty who might wish to submit proposals for development funding in the Core Ethics area and ultimately for approval. After discussion, we decided to devise a preliminary document that would identify the overall learning goal, the learning objectives, the qualifying criteria, and (ultimately) suggested assessment procedures for courses in the Core Ethics area. Several suggestions regarding the content of this document were offered, and Larry agreed to put these together in draft form for further discussion at our next meeting.
4. The Committee noted that the Ethics area, like most of the areas in the new Core, is not the territory of any one discipline and that interested faculty will need to be qualified to teach within it.

### **Agenda for 11/30/07**

- A. Minutes from previous meeting
- B. Discussion of Core document draft
- C. Committee's position on cap of 25 students in Core ethics classes
- D. Ethics workshop for summer of 09