

Cultures and Idea FCC meeting, Friday March 7, 2008, 3:30-5
Benson Parlor A

In attendance were Phyllis Brown, John Hawley, Teresia Hinga, Lisa Kealhofer, Scott LaBarge, Arthur Liebscher, Barbara Molony, and Andrea Pappas.

Barbara Molony and Phyllis Brown distributed comments on each of the honorarium proposals, and the committee discussed specifics of each proposal and overarching issues surfaced by the evaluation. Important questions to be addressed by all faculty as they develop courses are

- How will the topics and approaches in the course engage 18 year old students?
- How will comparative assessment of C & I 1 and 2 be accomplished?

Questions for the committee to consider are

- Will Lisa Kealhofer's assessment plan serve as a model? Is it a minimum or an example of what we want? [Phyllis will take this question to the CCIT.]
- How important is historical depth/ chronological development to the success of these courses? Can courses be successful without being organized chronologically?
- What can we say now about minimum requirements of global material in B model courses and Western material in A model courses?
- How can we clarify which responses to honorarium recipients are suggestions and which are requirements?
- What mechanisms can the FCC and CCIT create to help faculty locate/identify other faculty with similar interests?

Phyllis will send members of the committee the newest drafts of the Syllabus Statement and Approval documents/forms.

The C & I FCC needs to work with the CCIT to support faculty development, especially as faculty work to clarify continuity and differences between C & I 1 and 2.

The C & I FCC needs to work with the CCIT to clarify the frequency with which courses will actually be offered.

The FCC recommends setting a deadline for preliminary syllabi to be submitted for review.

One member of the FCC strongly recommends that the CCIT reconsider the idea of having incoming students be assigned to RLCs on the basis of the C & I course preferences. This item will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Phyllis Brown