MINUTES
University Curriculum Committee for Liberal Education (UCCLE)
November 7, 2012 – 2:00–3:15 p.m.
230 Student Services Building

Members Present: Althea Aschmann, Sheila Carter-Tod, Klaus Elgert, Richard Ferraro, Virginia Fowler, Sam Hicks, Kurt Hoffman, Ann-Marie Knoblauch, Carolyn Meier, Christine McCoy, Robert Oliver, Marie Paretti, Marlene Preston, Renee Selberg-Eaton, Debbie Smith, Dan Thorp

Guests Present: Bonnie Alberts, Ray Van Dyke

Members Absent: Paul Heilker, Kate McConnell

1. Call to Order – The meeting was called to order by Kurt Hoffman, Chair, at 2:00 p.m.

2. Approval of Agenda – A motion was made to approve the Agenda. It was seconded and approved unanimously.

3. Approval of Minutes of October 3, 2012 – The minutes of the October 3, 2012, meeting, were electronically approved on October 26, 2012.

4. Recommendation for Second Reading – SOC 2034 – There was discussion concerning the name of the course as it appears in the official cover sheet and description differently. Kurt offered to contact Sarah Ovink, proposal author and contact person, for clarification. A motion was made to approve SOC 2034 for Area 3. The motion was seconded and unanimously approved. A summary report is attached to these minutes concerning approval of this course.

5. Discussion of New CLE –

On November 6, one day prior to this meeting, Kurt Hoffman e-mailed a summary of the last 2 meetings for committee members to review. There are currently 4 components constituting the new CLE: 1) A writing/discourse requirement (6 or 9 credits); 2) A computational thinking requirement (3 credits); 3) An integrative studies requirement (18 credits); 4) A CLE capstone (3 credits or possibly fewer).

a. Discussion of Computational Requirement – Since there were strong objections to an earlier proposal for a course featuring guest lecturers and focusing on computational and quantitative challenges across disciplines, a more traditional approach where students would be allowed to choose one course among a number of available options was discussed.

b. Brief discussion of Discourse Requirement – There was a brief discussion of the Discourse Requirement where it was suggested that we return to discussing a more co-curricular approach that emphasizes writing and communication across years rather than the broader first year training we currently have.
c. Kate McConnell: Advice on learning outcomes for new CLE – Dr. McConnell was not present at the meeting.

With much discussion and no resolution, Dan Thorp encouraged committee members to attend the November 14 meeting at 2:00 p.m., in 230 Student Services Building, to continue the discussion.

6. **Other Business** – There was none.

7. **Adjournment** – A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:20 p.m. The motion was seconded and approved unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Bonnie Alberts