Committee on Academic Operations  
Minutes, February 12, 2007  
Bartlett Center Room 224

Present: Jonathan Barnett (Chair) John Blandino, Bill Farr, Mustapha Fofana, Chuck Kornik, Eleanor Loiacono, Oleg Pavlov, Dale Snyder, Alaina Wiehn, Ashleigh Smeal (student representative)

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 pm.

1. Prof. Barnett introduced Prof. Pavlov, who replaced Prof. Manzari on the committee and announced that Prof. Blandino would serve as secretary for the remainder of the academic year.

2. The committee continued discussion on a motion from the Physics Dept. to offer **PH252X Introduction to Astrophysics** for a third time as an experimental course. Rather than offering it more than twice as an experimental course, the committee decided it was preferable to offer it as a non-experimental, category II course. A motion to approve **PH2520 Introduction to Astrophysics** (cat II) was approved and will be sent to the faculty for a vote.

3. Prof. Barnett introduced Prof. Hanlan who was in attendance to describe two new courses proposed by the Humanities and Arts Dept.: **HU3900 Inquiry Seminar in Humanities and Arts** and **HU3910 Practicum in Humanities and Arts**. These two courses will eventually replace the individual Sufficiency. Students will take one or the other, with the Practicum replacing the performance or creative-arts based Sufficiency Project. There was discussion of how the Seminar will be organized, how students will know what projects fall within the broad seminar themes, and when instructor approval for registration will be required. There was also discussion of whether new resources will be required. Prof. Hanlan stated that it is his understanding that renovations to Salisbury Hall will include the addition of appropriate space to support HU3900 seminars. Subject to inclusion of some minor clarifications and revisions, the proposal was approved and will be submitted to the faculty for a vote.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm.

Submitted by John Blandino (Secretary)