

Annual Report UWW Committee 2008-2009

In 2008-2009 The UWW Committee held 12 meetings, including one business meeting.

The Committee reviewed 42 degree programs and two revised final project proposals. It approved 12 online courses and 3 courses delivered in Antigua.

The Committee recommended to the Faculty that 16 students receive the Bachelor of Arts degree and 18 students receive the Bachelor of Science degree.

The Committee discussed and approved the UWW Operating code, the UWW Academic Policy Manual and a readmission policy to allow a limited number of recently withdrawn students to apply for readmission in spite of the moratorium on new enrollment.

Barbara Norelli represented the UWW Committee during the 2009 scholarship competition, which awarded UWW Scholarship funds to 20 students.

Jeff Segrave reported periodically to the Committee on the progress of the UWW Summer Working Group.

At the September business meeting, Deborah Meyers was introduced as the Interim Director. Deborah explained that the staff was focused on sustaining the academic excellence and vitality of the program for enrolled students and positioning the program for its future: either to launch in restructured form or to close.

Efforts included responding to the loss of key staff members and integrating their temporary replacements, effecting a seamless transition for students to different advisors, maintaining the diversity of course offerings as student numbers decreased without new enrollment, continuing the administrative and fiscal streamlining begun by Jim Kennelly, effecting a complex transition to the Oracle database system, and contributing data to the UWW Summer Working Group. The program had also been planning to meet each student's academic need should the program close and ensuring that students move expeditiously toward degree completion

After the faculty vote to support the FEC and CEPP motion to recommend closure of the program, The UWWC, at Jeff Segrave's initiative, discussed the

potential for online learning for Skidmore students. Sarah Stebbins, UWW Course Coordinator, presented models of seminar- style liberal arts courses. Tim Harper, who taught several online courses for UWW, offered his perspective on the positive and negative aspects of online learning.

Respectfully,

Sheldon Solomon (Chair)

Paul Calhoun (Fall 2008)

Mary DiSanto-Rose

Timothy Harper

Linda Hofmann (Spring 2009)

Barbara Norelli (Fall 2008)

T.H. Reynolds (on leave Fall 2008)