

Curricular Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes for 7 March 2012

Voting Members present: Rainer Newberry (Chair); Jungho Baek; Retchenda George-Bettisworth; Cindy Hardy; Brian Himelbloom (audio); Diane McEachern (audio); Todd Radenbaugh (audio); Dave Valentine, Jun Watabe.

Voting Members absent: Anthony Arendt

Non-voting Members present: Donald Crocker; Libby Eddy; Carol Gering; Ginnie Kinne; Dana Thomas. Non-member Jayne Harvie took notes.

1. Approve minutes from previous meeting

Minutes for February 22 were approved as submitted.

2. Report from subcommittee: GERC - Alex Fitts

Alex provided a written report from the March 7 GERC meeting (copy attached), and described in more depth the issues being tackled by the committee.

3. Review of 4 new Minors

This is from the Dept of Geography, which currently lists a minor in ‘geography’

A. New Minor--[Geographic Information Systems \(GIS\)](#): 17 credits comprised of GEOG F111X, GEOG/GEOS F222 (new course - has been approved); GEOG F309; GEOG F338, and one course from among GEOG F435, GEOG F430, NRM F369, or GEOG F300; effective Fall 2012.

These three are from the Dept Geology and Geophysics, which currently has a minor in ‘geology’

B. New Minor - [Paleontology](#): 16-20 credits comprised of GEOS F101X, GEOS F112X; and three electives chosen from GEOS F315W, GEOS F322, GEOS F317O (new course), GEOS F453, GEOS F486 and GEOS F485 (new course).

C. New Minor - [Geospatial Sciences](#): 19 credits comprised of GEOS F101X, GEOS F112X, GEOS/GEOG F222 (new course), GEOS F225, GEOS F458, and GEOS F422; effective Fall 2012.

D. New Minor - [Geophysics](#): 21 credits comprised of GEOS F101X, GEOS F112X, GEOS F377O (new course), GEOS F318, GEOS F406, and GEOS F431; effective Fall 2012.

Note: Minors # A and C are similar, but certainly not identical. One MIGHT argue that they duplicate each other (might) but the cost of running a minor, especially one that will be practically never used, is tiny.

