1. E Board
Richard Bigus, Liaison
Meeting of Monday, February 27.

The issue of requiring a syllabus for all new courses resurfaced again. The absence of a syllabus creates a great deal of frustration and guesswork for the E review board. Discussion of a course requires a syllabus to determine how the E component will be carried out. It is the E Board’s general opinion that the GEC needs to have uniform standards for all focus course proposals and that all focus boards require a syllabus. It is felt that the new core has been tried and tested and that we have reached a critical mass where there is no longer a need to be easy or lenient in the recruiting of focus courses. It is the job of the faculty requesting a focus course approval to show or tell how the E component is integrated into the course and without a syllabus this is difficult to determine. It is also thought that a meaningful syllabus is an obligation to the student.

WOE spells woe (as in sorrow or grief). How does a board know if a course has other focus designations? This information should be indicated at the top of all syllabi. This includes new proposals. This topic involved discussion of those focus courses that are practice (O & W) versus those that are content driven (H & E). Wondered how courses can fulfill percentage content prescriptions and have more than two focus designations.

Board is interested in the blanket course designation. Useful for courses that are inherently E such as Business Ethics (this course has requested a staff designation). Could encourage curricular rethinking in departments.

Discussion of courses with W and E designations and wondered if low stakes W courses couldn’t max at 30 students while high stake was at 20 seats.

Thoughts about a 1 credit freshmen orientation to the university (colleges, departments, resources, etc) and degree requirements; this could replace the idea of mentoring.

Voting is a matter of record, however, three new course proposals were turned down after a request for additional information yield unsuccessful results. I understand that this issue will be addressed by either Roger Babcock or Helen Baroni.

2. H Board
Emily Hawkins, Liaison

3. O Board
Jeannie Lum, Liaison

4. W Board
James Marsh, Liaison

5. Foundations Board
Jon Goss, Liaison

6. HSL
Helen Baroni, Liaison