

## MINUTES - SCIENCE DEPARTMENT MEETING

February 11, 2011  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
VIDEO CONFERENCE ROOMS (LEE- I-122, CHARLOTTE-O-118, COLLIER-G-109)

<b>Facilitator</b>	Peggy A. Romeo
<b>Subject</b>	Monthly Departmental Meeting
<b>Attendees</b>	<p><b>Full-time:</b> Kurt Donaldson; Roz Jester; Nirmala Prabhu; Bob Burns; Bill Dabby; George Manacheril; David Rohrbach; Jed Wolfson; Marius Coman; Lisa Rice-McGarity; Ed Hooks; Connie Allen; Jay Koepke; Cheryl Black; Jamie Scott; Tina Ottman; Lyman O'Neal; Theo Koupelis</p> <p><b>Adjunct:</b> Fred Posey; Ann Mantell, Kirk Otto</p>
<b>Absent</b>	Bruce Wingerd; Bill Wilcox

<b>Discussions</b>		
<b>No.</b>	<b>Topic</b>	<b>Highlights</b>
1.	<b>Syllabus Changes Update</b>	All syllabus and catalog changes submitted since our last meeting have passed through the Curriculum Committee and will take effect next Fall 2011.
2.	<b>Master-Course development</b>	Discussion of Dr. Beeson's email concerning master courses being developed for all science courses to ensure consistency with material being taught. Concerns from science faculty included difficulty developing a master course to meet individual teaching styles; difficulty designing a one-size-fits-all course for online, dual enrollment, courses meeting once/week, mini courses, etc.; and course development should be in the hands of faculty.
3.	<b>Common Exit Exam</b>	Discussion of Dr. Beeson's email concerning Common Exit Exam being developed for all science courses to ensure consistency with material being taught. Concerns from science faculty included lack of academic freedom; problems with teaching to the test; not everybody teaches the same so they can't have same types of questions. Faculty may accept idea of a select few questions to incorporate into individual finals and grading mandated by instructor.
4.	<b>Lab Insurance</b>	Lab insurance will be in effect beginning Fall 2011. Insurance fees will be taken from existing lab fees so additional cost to students.

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**Carry Over Items for Next Meeting**

No.	Topic	Highlights
1.	<b>Textbook Selection</b>	Use of course ancillaries
2.	<b>Next Meeting Date</b>	Next meeting is Friday, April 8 @ 1:00