

Minutes of the University Council on Teaching
Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Sue Barrett Recorder

Present: Sue Barrett, Colleen Griffith, Chris Hepburn (Chair), Jackie Lerner, Paula Mathieu, Bob Murphy, Rita Olivieri, Ginny Reinburg Akua Saar, Pete Wilson

Guests: Provost Bert Garza, Vice Provost Patricia DeLeeuw, Vice Provost Don Hafner, Kit Baum, Marc Landy, Brinton Lykes, Sarah Ross, Stephanie Leone, James Morris, Joe Quinn

The minutes of the December meeting were accepted.

At this meeting, the UCT had as guests several faculty members who have been involved in interdisciplinary teaching. They were invited to tell us about their experiences with teaching courses that involve more than one department and/or school.

her interdisciplinary course would collaborate on papers with others from outside their area and that all the faculty members would read them. Each student would then write an individual final paper.

James Morris asked that we make a clear distinction between interdisciplinary and interdepartmental courses. It is when more than one department is involved that the difficulties arise. He also suggested that the UCT should encourage shorter, smaller types of collaboration, with faculty coming in for 2 or 3 classes, for example.

Joe Quinn liked the idea of using TAM grants to encourage interdisciplinary teaching. Another model would be to have students working with others from different majors.

Bob Murphy gave the example of a group of faculty planning a course, which would then be taught by only one person.

Chris asked us to assume that the accounting problems could be