

RAMAPO COLLEGE OF NEW JERSEY**ACADEMIC REVIEW COMMITTEE (ARC)**

Meeting Minutes of
Wednesday, February 5, 2003
11:00 A.M. to 1:00 P.M.
SAB Sanyo Conference Room (A-224)

All members present: S. Klein (SAB), Chair; S. Gorewitz (CA); R. Mentore (TAS); E. Risch (LIB); F. Shapiro-Skrobe (SSHS); I. Spar (AIS); M. Ecker (Office of the Provost, ex-officio member)

The minutes of the January 27 and 28 meetings were revised and accepted.

S. Klein made several announcements:

- Commentary from faculty on the Provost's course load proposal will continue to be posted on the faculty assembly web site. ARC members should read this commentary.
- Strategic Plan meetings are scheduled on 2/5/2003, 2/10/2003, and 2/11/2003
- The ballot on the faculty assembly motion of 1/29/2003 was distributed to faculty mailboxes.
- The School of Business and Administration (SAB) decided to remove the course, "BINF 223 Introduction to Information Processing" from its SAB Core curriculum.
- The School of Contemporary Arts (CA) decided to remove the course, "CART112 Intro. To Fine Arts – Visual Arts" as a requirement in its major.
- Linda Padley has stated that no new courses can be accepted for the Fall 2003 schedule.

"BBADXXX Interpersonal Workplace Skills," a 4-week summer course, developed by Susan Eisner (SAB) was approved.

"AAMR/SENV320 Geography of the American West," a Study Abroad course currently being taught by Howard Horowitz, was approved as a General Education course in the Global/Multicultural (old) and the U.S. Cultures (new) categories.

The committee discussed the Foreign Language proposal. Jackie Skrzynski was invited to provide her insight on the effect of a language requirement for Ramapo students. After much discussion, the group agreed in principle that a language requirement at Ramapo has merit. However, the committee had two major concerns.

1. How many faculty lines will be needed to support the requirement?
2. Will the proposed language requirement increase Ramapo students' graduation requirements?

Some committee members proposed that the language requirement be implemented on a major-by-major basis to be decided by individual convening groups.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert Mentore