

**Minutes**  
**COAS Requirements Task Force Committee**  
**October 30, 2008**

Members Present: N. Tuschling, R. Duchovic, D. Moore, A. Shupe, I. Mallin, K. Bordens, P. Dragnev, A. Argast, G. Wang, L. Corbin, R. Hile, A. Livschiz, D. Kline, B. Kingsbury (chair), M. Jordan, L. Hess, and M. Wolf.

The meeting began at 12:00.

We first discussed Part A, *English Writing*, reviewing an update prepared by Rachel Hile. We made some adjustments and accepted it.

We then moved on to Part B, *Foreign Language*, section prepared by Laurie Corbin. Bruce Kingsbury asked why foreign language was not considered to be part of the Cultural Studies, and the recollection was that this went back to blending requirements for the humanities and social sciences when Arts and Sciences was formed. We talked about the benefits of learning a foreign language, both in terms of developing the skills relating to mastering the language and learning about the culture using the language. This also led to conversation about alternatives for foreign language, such as computer language, or American Sign Language. We agreed to talk about this further at the beginning of our next meeting. Laurie will take our suggestions and rework it for further review.

We also talked about why some programs allow exception to the foreign language requirement. Since these are BS programs, we agreed to defer further discussion on this until we consider those programs.

Peter Dragnev volunteered to draft up a proposal for the introductory text for Part C, *Distribution*. Ken Bordens will draft a proposal for Part D, *Cultural Studies*. Authors will send out their drafts by email for others to review prior to the next meeting.

Our next meeting will be Tuesday, November 11th at noon. We will need to find a room.

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:05.