I. Approval of CUSA Minutes from March 27, 2012

II. Chair’s Report
   A. Guest – Dr. Chris Haufler, Special Advisor to the Provost

III. Dean’s Office Report

IV. CLA&S Student Academic Services Report

V. Subcommittee Chair Reports
   A. Advising & Awards
   B. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements
      1a. Curricular Changes for Approval:
         NEW COURSES: GERM 325, REES 498
         CHANGES: ENVR 420, REES 480, SPAN 424
         DELETIONS:
      1b. Curricular Changes-Motion to File
         NEW TOPIC: LA&S 101
      2. Degree Requirements for Approval
   C. Academic Standards Report

VI. Old Business
Discussion of degree specific general education requirements in the College
The committee met on Tuesday, March 27, 2012, at 11:00 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bradley, Burright, Childers, Conrad, Corbeill, Crosby, deBoer, Fischer, Goldstein, Hurst, Jackson, Jelks, Ledom, Neidert, Purnaprajna, Pye, Vanchena

**MINUTES** Professor Fischer chaired the meeting. A motion was made to approve (as corrected) March 13, 2012 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

**CHAIR’S REPORT** No report at this time.

**DEAN’S OFFICE REPORT** Associate Dean Goldstein met with Dr. Chris Haufler to discuss the progress of the transition committee. Before our next meeting a report should be released with more specific outcomes assessed for each of the requirements. Dr. Haufler will be invited to the next CUSA meeting to discuss this in more detail.

**CLA&S STUDENT ACADEMIC SERVICES REPORT** Ms. Ledom reported that main enrollment advising has begun. The Undergraduate Coordinators meetings have been rescheduled for late April and early May. Associate Dean Goldstein and Dr. Chris Haufler have been invited to speak about the general education issues and we will be discussing the new Degree Progress Report.

**SUBCOMMITTEE CHAIR REPORTS**

A. **ADVISING & AWARDS**
   Mr. Paul Crosby related that the scholarship applications are now in and will be evaluated soon.

B. **CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS**
   No report at this time.

C. **ACADEMIC STANDARDS**
   No report at this time.

**OLD BUSINESS** Discussion of degree specific general education requirements in the College

Ms. Bridget Bradley distributed additional data regarding foreign language proficiency of our incoming freshman and transfer students since 2009.

After much discussion and brainstorming the following options were presented:

- It was noted that some of our peer institutions had a range and some of those are credit hour based rather than semester based. We could accept a 3 semester and the 4th semester could possibly count as a global or culture requirement.
- 4th semester proficiency;
- 3rd semester proficiency;
- 3rd semester proficiency with the intent of taking the 4th semester in another language;
- 3 and 1, take one semester in one language and 3 semesters in another language (2 languages with 1 language with at least a 3rd semester proficiency);
- 4th semester proficiency or XX hours in X language;
- 3rd semester proficiency with the 4th semester as capstone;
- Have study abroad count as 4th semester;
- 4th semester proficiency and 3rd level proficiency in a different language (could also possibly satisfy core goal 3);

Professor Fischer will draft language for a motion and email it to the committee for their comments and revisions before a vote is taken on these actions.

Meeting adjourned at 12:25 p.m.
B. Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements

1. Curricular Changes for Approval/Motion to File

ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES PROGRAM

CHANGE: CREDIT
EVRN 420 TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:___________ 1-3 N
(OLD) Courses on special topics in Environmental Science and/or Policy. These courses may be lecture, discussions, or readings. Students may enroll in more than one interest group but may enroll in a given interest group only once. LEC
EVRN 420 TOPICS IN ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:___________ 1-6 N
(NEW) Courses on special topics in Environmental Science and/or Policy. These courses may be lecture, discussions, or readings. Students may enroll in more than one interest group but may enroll in a given interest group only once. LEC

GERMANIC LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES

CHANGE: NEW COURSE
GERM 325 MAGIC, MONSTERS AND THE OCCULT IN GERMAN LITERATURE, HONORS 3 H, HL
Taught in English. For centuries German scientists, philosophers and poets have produced groundbreaking literature that has featured magic, monsters and the occult sciences. German poets introduced popular themes, such as the Faust legend and the pact with the devil, and they introduced one of the most popular monsters into literature - the vampire. In this course we read and discuss fictional and nonfictional works by German authors that address these themes, and we discuss the influence that these works have had on other nations' literatures. Does not fulfill any requirement in the German major or minor. Prerequisite: Membership in the University Honors Program or permission of instructor. LEC

LIBERAL ARTS & SCIENCES

CHANGE: NEW TOPIC
LA&S 101 LEARNING COMMUNITIES SEMINAR: MOUNT OREAD SCHOLARS EXPERIENCE  2
This course is designed to expand students' knowledge of the University community by exploring an academic theme and the connections between courses. Through the study of different topics students explore the inherent relationships among fields of study. Designed especially for freshmen and sophomores. Enrollment is limited to students participating in designated learning community. Concurrent enrollment in specified learning community courses is required. May be repeated for credit up to 4 hours if topic varies. SEM

RUSSIAN, EAST EUROPEAN, AND EURASIAN STUDIES PROGRAM

CHANGE: TITLE DESCRIPTION
REES 480 SPECIAL PROBLEMS IN AREA STUDIES  3 H
(OLD) Interdisciplinary examination of topics involving two or more of the cooperating disciplines in Russian and East European studies. LEC
REES 480 TOPICS IN REES:___________ 3 H
(NEW) Interdisciplinary examination of topics involving two or more disciplines in Russian, East European, and Eurasian studies. LEC
CHANGE: NEW COURSE
REES 498  DIRECTED READINGS  1-3  H
Individual and supervised readings in selected areas of Russian, East European, and Eurasian Studies. Prerequisite: prior permission of instructor and either CREES director or associate director.

SPANISH AND PORTUGUESE

CHANGE: COURSE DESCRIPTION
SPAN 424  ADVANCED SPANISH COMPOSITION AND GRAMMAR  3.0  H
(OLD) Extensive practice in writing, with attention to vocabulary, grammar usage, and discourse structure. Thorough review of syntax and grammar. Conducted in Spanish. Concurrent enrollment in SPAN 428 required, except for native speakers or for students with credit for SPAN 428 from a study abroad program. Prerequisite: SPAN 340 or consent of instructor. A grade of "C" or better in SPAN 340 is strongly recommended for students enrolling in this course.

SPAN 424  ADVANCED SPANISH COMPOSITION AND GRAMMAR  3  H
(NEW) Extensive practice in writing, with attention to vocabulary, grammar usage, and discourse structure. Thorough review of syntax and grammar. Conducted in Spanish. Concurrent enrollment in SPAN 428 is strongly recommended. Prerequisite: SPAN 340 or consent of instructor. A grade of "C" or better in SPAN 340 is strongly recommended for students enrolling in this course.