The committee met on Tuesday, August 28, 2012, at 11:15 a.m. in Room 210 Strong Hall. The following were present: Bayer, Brumfield, Childers, Conrad, Corbeill, Cota, Crosby, de Boer, Fillian, Goldstein, Hurst, Jackson, Jelks, Kelly, Ledom, Meier, Neidert
Also in attendance: Danny Anderson, Christopher Haufler, Paul Klute

CHAIR'S WELCOME  Professor Hurst called the meeting to order and welcomed the committee.

INTRODUCTIONS  Professor Hurst asked the CUSA members and guests to introduce themselves.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES  Professor Hurst presented a motion to approve the May 8, 2012 meeting minutes of the Committee on Undergraduate Studies & Advising. The motion was seconded and passed.

2012-2013 Dean’s Charges to CUSA  Dean Anderson introduced himself, noting how important the members of the committee are in explaining, justifying, and overseeing the various curriculums in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences. He noted that this year CUSA will be working to update and change, University-wide, how we think about certain components of our curriculum. Dean Anderson discussed the KU Core (www.kucore.ku.edu) and highlighted some of the key features to keep in mind in terms of the KU Core: focus on the learning objective and what these goals mean to our students, what do we need in the 21st century, what are students seeking, and what can we do to provide the very best for them. Currently, a student with no advance placement credit would need to take 72 hours, which is more than half of the required 120 hours toward a degree just to satisfy all of our distributional requirements. The committee will need to look at the KU Core and how it was established and what aligns well with the College curriculum.

Dean Anderson presented his charges to CUSA (see Attachment 1) and discussed each charge. The goal is to have the new KU Core available to all students beginning Fall 2013. Dean Anderson asked that once a College-wide referendum has been scheduled, members of CUSA make themselves available to discuss why certain features are being recommended and the process that went into these recommendations.

FAST TRACK COURSE APPROVALS FOR KU CORE  (www.kucore.ku.edu)  Professor Hurst noted that over the summer each department that has a course that has general education requirements could nominate any of their courses for the KU Core. Attached is a spreadsheet of the courses that were nominated listing the item of the KU Core that they would fulfill (see Attachment 2). The task for this committee will be to develop a process for looking at this and then approval for these courses for fast track approval. Fast track approval is not a permanent approval as these courses will be reviewed again for full approval in 2014. Moving forward with the fast track approval process, if CUSA approves all of these courses already created they would be forwarded to the UCCC (University Core Curriculum Committee) for their approval. At this point, CUSA could look at the entire list that has been approved and decide if there are any of the courses that do not fulfill what we want for the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences for that specific learning outcome.

SUBCOMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS  Ms. Ledom distributed committee assignments for the upcoming year. Professor Hurst enlisted the Advising & Scholarships and Curricular Changes/Degree Requirements subcommittees to work on the language for inclusion of requirements above and beyond the KU Core for a BA. What elements comprise a Bachelor of Arts degree in the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences at KU, and are there general requirements beyond the KU Core that we think the BA degree needs.

a. ACADEMIC STANDARDS

b. ADVISING & SCHOLARSHIPS
   a. Mathematics Learning Objectives and Goals

c. CURRICULAR CHANGES/DEGREE REQUIREMENTS
   a. Laboratory Requirement Learning Objectives and Goals

d. SCHEDULE OF SUBCOMMITTEE MEETINGS
   a. CUSA meets on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month. The subcommittees meet on alternate Tuesdays.
STUDENT APPEALS Executive Session

ADJOURNMENT
As this is the first meeting of the year, lunch was served during the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:46 p.m.