

**Curricular Affairs Committee
Meeting Minutes: March 30, 2009**

Present: Carrie Baker, Rainer Newberry, Ken Abramowicz, Beth Leonard (by phone), Jane Allen (by phone), Setha Bogosyan, Cathy Oehring, Amber Flora Thomas (Co-Chair; by phone), and Falk Huettmann (Meeting Facilitator & Co-Chair; note taker), Julie Maier (guest), Debasmita Misra (guest)

Quorum: YES

Agenda Item 1: Minutes from previous meeting, March 16th
Await circulation (done as draft) and approval (pending)

Agenda Item 2: Fast Track BS/MS (5 years combined program for selected students):

Topic was introduced by Rainer, presented as an Experiment (other schools have such programs already), to market UAF programs overall (e.g. fast graduation possible), and to allow very good students to move ahead. Proposal was discussed in detail re. timing of undergraduate courses, sequence of courses, selection criteria for qualified students, and the one-year tuition loss for UAF. Program was already approved by GAG and Curriculum Review. Notion was put forward by Rainer and approved (vote: 5 in favor, one abstain).

Agenda Item 3: Ethnobotany Certificate (ETRO presented by Julie Maier)

