

**College of Science Curriculum Committee
Minutes of the February 29, 2008 meeting**

Members Present: Peter Becker, Geoff Birchard, Tim Born (chair), Dan Cox, Rick Diecchio, Barry Haack, Robert Ellsworth, Dimitri Klimov, Barry Klinger, Dimitrios Papaconstantopolous (CDS sub), David Singman, George Taylor

Guests: Maria Dworzecka (COS Dean's Office)

Members Absent: Igor Griva

1. Approval of the December 13th minutes:

Minutes were approved pending two updates (CHEM 490 and MATH 290).

2. Announcements and comments:

Dr. Born thanked Dr. Ellsworth for allowing the online vote for the January meeting and Dr. Birchard for allowing EVPP 338 to be voted on at the next meeting.

Assad made the announcement that the four physics courses passed via the online vote in January have been forwarded to the registrar's office.

3. Old Business

EVPP 338 New course **Approved**

4. New Business

Undergraduate

EOS 330 New course **Tabled**

EOS 456/556 New course **Approved**
Both courses were considered together.

MATH 478 New Course **Approved**

Graduate

COMP MS Modification **Approved**

Forensics Certificate

Maria Dworzecka apologized for the proposal going to the graduate council. Peter Becker took responsibility for what happened.

Members of the committee are not averse to having a Forensics program. Issues such as funding, inclusion of lab courses, which faculty will be teaching the courses and which equipment will be used in the labs were discussed. Also, accreditation issues concerning the American Academy of Forensic Science (AAFS) were discussed. Conversations with them have taken place as well as with Bill Whildin, Medicolegal Investigator for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner, Northern Virginia District

Dr. Born will provide new versions of the courses for the next meeting.