

SUMMER SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Minutes – October 17, 2008

1:30 PM, RUSS128

Members Present: Jill Mitchley, Tulare Park, Kevin Range, Denise Shoemaker, Anna Mae Smith, Andrew Talbot

Guest: Dr. Roger Johnson

Roger explained the history of “pairing” of courses during summer school.

- The original rationale was to get upper level courses, that would typically be cancelled due to low enrollment, to run by pairing with higher enrolled lower level courses.

Roger explained that upper level courses receive higher funding than lower level courses. So it is better to offer more upper level courses.

The 10 minimum enrollment was based on an average of 15 students for all courses. If we have too many courses being offered at low enrollment, then the total average enrollment will be lower. Similarly if the pairings cause the total enrollment between the pairs to be closer to 20 then that average is lower.

Roger indicated that summer 2008 fared less well financially than in previous summers. We need to reevaluate the pairing criteria and the minimum enrollments.

The minimum enrollments will be reviewed using a financial model which Roger will discuss with Bill Hanelly. We need to frame the minimum enrollments so as not to lose money.

Administration would like to see more courses offered during the summer and especially, but not only, more online courses. Online courses allow a student who needs to return home to earn money to still take an LHU course.

Next meeting: TBD, after financial model is developed

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 PM

Submitted by,

Jill R. Mitchley