

Minutes of the University Council on Teaching  
Wednesday December 9 2009  
Waul House

Present: Sue Barrett, Chris Hepburn (Chair), Jackie Lerner, Paula Mathieu, Akua Sarr, Pete Wilson, and Ginny Reinburg

Guests: Vice Provost Don Hafner and Vice Provost DeLeeuw

Next Meeting: Wednesday January 27, from noon to 1:30.

Recorder: Jackie Lerner

#### Overview

Except for a few minor topics, the meeting centered on a discussion of interdisciplinary teaching. The minutes of the meeting of November were accepted.

#### New Business

A proposal to allow Lynch School Students to waive out of core requirements so that they could take courses related to their major was presented to Chris Hepburn by Pat McQuillen and David Scanlon. After a brief discussion it was concluded that the UCT was not the appropriate committee to handle this proposal.

- o Faculty would need release time to engage in a planning phase for the course, and there would need to be a director of interdisciplinary teaching to be the administrator.
- o Should we use the TAM grants as a way to get faculty to think about interdisciplinary teaching? We could send an announcement when we send out the TAM grant application to encourage faculty who may have been thinking about this to apply for a planning grant.
- o We should talk to those who are already doing such as those who teach in the