Unit Code Screening Committee

Meeting #4, April 4, 2000, held in Rawl 105, 3:30-4 pm

Regular members present were: Ralph Scott, Sherry Southard, John Stevens, and David White.

Ex officio members present were: Linda Ingalls and Tinsley Yarbrough.

Also present were Robert Alpers, member of the Code Committee, Dept. of Theatre and Dance; and Charles Singhas, member of the Code Committee, Dept. of Biology.

Agenda Item I. Approval of Minutes:
The Minutes of March 7 were amended to reflect that member Sherry Southard was present.

Agenda Item II. Department of Theatre and Dance Code:
The code was approved without objection subject to a single editorial revision:

p.17 1.725 The definition of voting faculty should come from Appendix "L" rather than "D".

Agenda Item III. Department of Biology Code:
The code was approved without further request for amendment.

Agenda Item IV. Old and New Business:
Prof. Scott asked the committee its opinion on the subject of establishing a set of procedures to follow in reviewing a code, noting that the matter had been discussed at a previous meeting. The sense of the committee was the same that it was not desirable to establish a fixed procedure.

Prof. Stevens suggested that units be required to review their codes periodically to avoid the current situation where codes may be allowed to lapse out of compliance with the Faculty Manual and fall out of correspondence with current unit practice. He suggested that language be added to App. L to this effect, perhaps with a 5-year period. Prof. Ingalls seemed to recall that such a requirement was part of the 5-year unit evaluation, but the current language of L did not seem to bear this out. Others expressed a preference for a more frequent review, perhaps as part of the annual report. It was suggested that the matter be put to Governance in the fall and carried over as old business for this committee next year.

There being no further business, the committee adjourned.