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**Academic Programs Committee**  
**January 20, 2010**  
**Minutes**

Attending: Lachlan Whalen, Rebecca Johns, Eric Odgaard, Joan Eldridge, Thomas Smith (chair)

The committee reviewed and made recommendations on two new course resubmissions and a proposal for a certificate program:

1. Joseph Dorsey Proposal: “Environmental Policy and Sustainability.” The committee recommended forwarding the proposal on to the dean after Thomas Smith consults with the department chair and Professor Dorsey makes minor changes regarding course numbering and demand for the course.
2. Mark Walters Proposal “Communication Skills for Health Professionals.” The committee recommended resubmission after Thomas Smith consults with the department chair and Professor Walters addresses issues regarding course title and description, areas of knowledge covered, student demand, and qualification of the instructor. The General Education Committee will address the GE angle.
3. Hugh Lafollette Proposal (on behalf of psychology): “Ethics Track (Certificate) in Psychology.” The committee felt the proposal did not include enough classes to warrant its consideration as a certificate program. It could serve as a track within the major if students had a choice of tracks. In any event, the proposal would need to list specific courses by course number and title rather than the professor’s name. The committee recommends this become part of a minor in Ethics rather than a stand-alone program.