

**General Education Committee Minutes**

December 2, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

**Members Present:** Barbara Curbow, Sid Dobrin, Melissa Johnson, Morgan Pigg, Brenda Smith, Bethany Taylor, Robert Thomson, and Theresa Vernetson,

**Co-Chairs:** Bernard Mair and David Julian

**Executive Secretary:** Ann Goodson

1. Dr. Mair opened the meeting.
2. **Minutes** from the November 7<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved.
3. **Common Humanities Course Update:**  
Dr. Mair discussed the voting to approve the proposal that HUM 2305 be a required course for all freshmen and thanked the committee for the vote count of 13 FOR and 3 AGAINST that the proposal received. The next step in the approval process is the University Curriculum Committee (UCC) to make the change to the curriculum. Dr. Mair stated that it would be discussed at the Senate meeting but did not think that it needed the Senate approval. Dr. Thomson stated that it would need Senate approval since it is a major change to the curriculum.
4. **Recertification of Courses:**  
Dr. Mair started the discussion of a review process for the courses and distributed a list of courses that had been reviewed in 2008. The committee discussed the process that was used previously in 2008 and decided to base the reviews on the current course syllabus and class visits. The courses would be reviewed based on current standards for general education designation even if they had been approved before the current standards had been adopted. After the review, the instructor and department chair would be informed of the result of the review. It was suggested that the courses to be reviewed include large and medium-sized courses, and the International and Diversity designations. Dr. Julian suggested that in the future, we should include a review of the data from assessments of their SLO's to determine how well they were meeting the SLO's. This would be useful for the university as it would help to prepare for upcoming SACS reviews. Dr. Mair stated that there would be about 12 courses that would be reviewed and promised to send the committee a document outlining the review process and the courses to be reviewed.
5. **Course Review:**  
**BSC 2930** *Introduction to Genomics*, Approved B effective Spring 2012.  
**CLA 2521** *Classical Antiquity and Sustainability*, Approved H effective Spring 2013.  
**POS 2032** *Politics of Sustainability*, Approved S effective Fall 2012.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30pm