

General Education Committee Minutes

January 14, 2011

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

Members Present: Fiona Barnes, Barbara Curbow, Creed Greer, Melissa Johnson, David Julian, Mark Meisel, Lynn O’Sickey, Theresa Vernetson, Michael Weigold, Joe Wilson, Greg Zuest; Bernard Mair and Robert Thomson Co-Chairs; Guest: Ed Schaefer
Ann Goodson – Executive Secretary

1. Dr. Mair opened the meeting.
2. Minutes from the December 14th meeting were approved with the following corrections:
 - Include the course title name under course review
 - In the second paragraph under #4 the last sentence was amended

3. Fine Arts Proposal:

Dr. Ed Schaefer Associate Dean in the College of Fine Arts came to present the proposal. Dr. Mair briefly stated that the proposal came before the committee in January of 2010 and was tabled because a new Humanities “common course” was being developed at that time. If every student had to take 3 credits of the humanities common course then it would be inadvisable to take another 3 credits from the remaining 6 credits of the humanities Gen Ed requirement and give to Fine Arts.

Dr. Schaefer mentioned many advantages of including a Fine Arts designation, including initiatives by the college to expand the role of the discipline in the general curriculum. After much discussion, the proposal was withdrawn from consideration at this time..

4. Committee information:

Fiona Barnes discussed feedback received from the committee since the last meeting. The document was discussed in great detail with more changes to be made. The committee decided that Fiona would make the agreed changes and send the document to Dr. Thomson who would vet it with the relevant faculty in the English department and send their suggestions to Fiona. Then to the college deans would be consulted, after which it would be revised and returned to the committee for approval.

5. Course review:

REL 3140 *Religion and Society*, Denied H. The course curriculum outlined by the syllabus does not meet the student learning outcomes for the Humanities - General Education designation. There was no justification in the syllabus for changing the designation from Social Science.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm