

General Education Committee Minutes

September 17, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 1:35pm

Members Present: Fiona Barnes, Creed Greer, Mark Meisel, Lynn O'Sickey, Morgan Pigg, Brenda Smith, Theresa Vernetson, Greg Zuest; Bernard Mair and Robert Thomson Co-Chairs; Ann Goodson – Executive Secretary; Guest – Roxanne Barnett

1. Dr. Mair began the meeting with the introduction of Committee members and visitors.
2. Committee reports:
The subcommittee on assessment will present their report in the near future. The members are Joe Wilson, Theresa Vernetson, Fiona Barnes and Greg Zuest.

The subcommittee for Gordon Rule Writing Requirements rules which consists of Creed Greer, Fiona Barnes and Andy Ogram will present their draft report at the next meeting to get feedback from the committee. The purpose of this committee is to revise the application and evaluation process for Gordon Rule Writing to make the instructions easier to follow and the evaluation more transparent.
3. Committee Structure:
Dr. Mair stated that item 3 in the Proposed Committee Procedures which was approved by the committee last year needs to be re-visited. This item, which specifies how the Chair is to be appointed, needs to be approved by the Faculty Senate since this is a joint committee. Also, the proposed structure is different from that of the UCC, another joint committee, so there needs to be a discussion with the Faculty Senate on aligning these structures. Also, Dr. Robert Thomson presented a document that outlined a structure different from that stated in item which he said was what the Senate had approved. In this structure, the committee would have a co-chair selected from among and voted on by the members elected by the Senate in item 3 with entire committee. Dr. Mair will discuss this with the Senate and report back to the committee. In view of this situation, it was put to a vote that Dr. Thomson continue in his role and responsibilities as Senate co-chair until these issues are resolved and the appropriate chair/co-chair is appointed.
4. Minutes from the May 13th meeting were approved with making the correction to item #8 as stated by Dr. Mark Meisel. Minutes from August 9th meeting were approved.
5. Meeting proceeded to course review:
FOR 3202, Society and Natural Resources, Approved S.

HPS 3003, *Perspectives on Science & Mathematics*, Denied E6. The syllabus needs to be more specific on the minimum number of words required on the short papers, feedback on writing assignments, grading scale and clarification of the Gordon Rule rubric.

IDH 3931, *Honors Science Fiction*, Approved H, E6 with correction of the syllabus regarding the minimum number of words for the course's writing assignments.

IDH 3931, *Lepidoptera Biology*, Denied B, E2. The course curriculum outlined by the syllabus does not meet the critical thinking component of the student learning outcome for General Education. The minimum number of pages needs to be increased in order to meet the Gordon Rule (Writing) requirement.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm