

General Education Committee Minutes

September 18, 2009

3:00 pm, Tigert Hall - Room 229

Attendees: Walter Dukes; Stephanie Evans; Creed Greer; Davis Julian; William McKeen; Gail Mitchell-Childs; Andrew Ogram; Lynn O'Sickey; Robert Thomson; Joe Wilson; Andy McCollough-Chair; Leslee Stark –Coordinator, Visitors-Peggy Carr, John Maze and Hui Zou.

1. Welcome and introductions of committee members and visitors. The College of Design Construction and Planning had representation with Associate Dean Peggy Carr, Professor & Undergraduate Coordinator for the School of Architecture John Maze and Assistant Professor Hui Zou.
2. Discussion of the course, ARC1720, Survey of Architecture, was the first topic and although there were questions concerning the International content in the course, the explanation of interaction between the historical and international included in several of the weeks lessons was persuasive. A suggestion to clarify this in the syllabus was accepted and the committee approved the humanities, international and the writing component.
3. The Chair discussed future meeting times of Friday mornings on a biweekly (as needed) basis and the time was set for 9:30. Next item was explanation of the list distributed of eligible Senate appointed committee members. From this list each member was asked to forward their selection for Co-Chair, who will serve as Gen Ed's representative on the Academic Policy Council.
4. The discussion turned to cover the general goals and objectives of the committee. With the release of the Undergraduate Task Force Report http://www.aa.ufl.edu/search_committees/UndergradCurriculum/documents/UGTaskForceReport.pdf, the desire to create a common undergraduate experience led to the formation of the Humanities Task Force. The charge given to the Task Force was designing a signature humanities course for all undergraduates required to complete. http://www.aa.ufl.edu/search_committees/Gen_Ed_Humanities/index.html
5. Brief discussion concerning the credit received through AP/IB testing giving Gordon Rule writing credit to students. In some cases, if the course is taken on campus there is no writing required, i.e., ECO2013, Principles of Macro Economics. A letter was forwarded

from the General Education Committee to discontinue acceptance of the writing credit for ECO2013 and ECO2023 for the incoming students beginning Fall 2010.

6. Review of MUR3104, Music and the Catholic Church. The course was presented in Spring 2008 and approved for H and E2. With revisions the course will be taught as a Distance Learning course and requests 4000 words of Gordon Rule writing credit. Discussion of the need for online courses to be taught with the same quality of campus courses ensued and the vote approved the increase to E4.
7. REL 3563, American Catholicism met the minimum requirement for receiving the Gordon Rule writing credit and was approved for E4. The Committee noted in comparison to the information and writing rubric accompanied by the ARC course, we should expand the requirements for Gordon Rule courses; writing courses must include a detailed written assignment instruction sheet and a grading rubric.
8. Courses reviewed:

Course#	Title	Current GE & GR	Request	Approve/Deny
ARC1720	Survey of Architecture	None	H, N, E6	Approved H, N & E6
MUR3104	Music and the Catholic Church	H, E2	E4	Approved E4
REL3563	American Catholicism	H,	E4	Approved E4

Meeting adjourned at 4:15.