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General Education Committee Minutes

November 7, 2008

Meeting called @ 9:35

Attendees: Theresa Antes, Fiona Barnes, Eva Czarnecka-Verner, Sheila Dickison, Heather Gibson, Creed Greer, Virginia LoCastro, Andy McCollough, Gail Mitchell, Lynn O'Sickey, Robert Thomson, Theresa Vernetson, Rick Weldon, Joe Wilson

1. Short discussion by Andy McCollough concerning the appointment of Kim Tanzer as the Co-Chair for the General Education Committee.
2. Guests, Kelli Brown, Jill Varnes and Barbara Rienzo presented revised course HSC 3102. The Committee approved the course for S, Social Science.

Other courses reviewed:

Course#	Title	Current GE & GR	Request	Approved/Denied
NSC 4224	Amphibious Warfare - Resubmission	H	E6	Approved
REL 2104	Environmental Ethics	None	H, E2	Approved H, & E2

3. Andy McCollough relayed the conversation Provost Glover wished to have to share the outcomes of the Focus Groups. These items expanded outside of the general education curriculum and generalized the undergraduate experience.
 - a. Under challenged in General Education and with in the Departments.
 - b. Alienated – Due to class to sizes.
 - c. Lack of interesting or relative courses.
 - d. Overwhelming attachment to GPA, keeps the student from selecting courses that may challenge them.
 - e. Commercial tutorial notes available reduces the challenge of a course.
4. Discussed the University Writing Rubric created by Fiona Barnes. Rubric is to be distribute to all Gordon Rule Writing instructors to help aid in the Fall 2009 initiation of the fail/pass writing portion of course. Must be generic enough to cover the range and variety of writing courses taught. Perhaps adding a checklist format.

5. The Committee was asked to select one of the following three areas to help review:
 - A.) Website- Review and make suggestions to help clarify.
 - B.) Evaluation – At SACS evaluation we must provide data on the assessment of the goals of general education.
 - C.) Transfer credit situation.

6. Discussion of restructuring the general education to where in the three domains of Humanities, Social Science and Physical & Biological Sciences have a sub committee tasked to come up with a core course for each of the domains.

Meeting Adjourned 10:52