

**General Education Committee Minutes**

August 21, 2012

Emergency Conference Call Meeting was called to order at 11:45 a.m.

**Members Present on call:** Elif Akcali, Suzanne Colvin, Barbara Curbow, Sidney Dobrin, Creed Greer, Melissa Johnson, David Julian, John Krigbaum, Morgan Pigg, Alison Reynolds, Brenda Smith and Michael Wiegold

**Co-Chair:** Bernard Mair

**Executive Secretary:** Ann Greene

This was a conference call meeting to discuss issues described in an email that was sent out to the committee members prior to the meeting.

“This will be a rather unusual year for the committee as we will play an integral role in implementing new state legislation governing general education programs at state institutions. The implementation process is on a very fast track and is made more complicated by the fact that we have to involve not only state-wide committees and this committee, but also the Faculty Senate. I suggest you go to the website at <http://www.fldoe.org/articulation/hb7135gep.asp> for more information regarding this initiative.

A Steering Committee has already been formed for overseeing this process and directing the “work of the faculty committees”. This refers to 5 committees (one in each General Education area), consisting of faculty from SUS and FCS. To participate in this process, the Board of Governors has asked us to nominate one faculty member with expertise in each area, and broad experience in general education issues.

The reason for this emergency meeting is that our nominees need to be brought before the Faculty Senate and the Board of Governors needs the list by September 14 - a very short timeline. To achieve these goals, we need to provide the list to the senate by Thursday, August 23, for presentation at the Sept 30 senate meeting”.

Dr. Mair presented the committee with a list of nominees for their revision or approval. A member of the committee asked if the nominees had to be currently serving on the General Education committee. It was stated that they did not have to be currently serving on the committee but they did need to be experienced with General Education issues. Dr. Mair stated he was suggesting replace himself with Rick Smith who had agreed to serve.

A motion was made by David Julian to approve the list of nominees with Rick Smith replacing Dr. Mair, and seconded by John Krigbaum. It was voted on and 9 favored FOR. The names of the nominees are Fiona Barnes-Communication, John Krigbaum -Social Sciences, Brenda Smith-Humanities, David Julian-Natural Sciences, and Rick Smith-Mathematics. These names will be sent to the Board of Governors to serve on the 5 committees that will determine the General Education courses in the Core Course Options to meet statewide General Education requirements as specified in 2012 FL Statutes 1007.25.

Meeting adjourned at 12:00 noon.

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