

General Education Committee

January 15, 2010 @ 9:00 am
Tigert Hall - Room 229

Attendees: Fiona Barnes, Walter Duke, Creed Greer, William McKeen, Mark Meisel, Gail Mitchell-Childs, Andy Ogram, Brenda Smith, Theresa Vernetson, Joseph Wilson, Greg Zuest, Robert Thomson and Andy McCollough Co-Chairs; Bernard Mair-Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs, Leslee Stark –Coordinator

1. Meeting began by informing the Committee of the sub-committee appointed to review the procedures and policies of the General Education Committee. Sub-committee members are Joe Wilson-Chair, Gail Mitchell-Childs, Mark Meisel, and Melissa Johnson. First meeting occurred January 7th. Dr. Wilson spoke to the committee informing them that the group will review practices of other similar UF committees, Senate rules and other institutions' practices.
2. An update on the Humanities common course was given. As the trial section being taught this spring 2010 under the Honors Program has had a minimal number of meetings to date, we will ask the lead instructor and Chair of the Task Force, Dr. Vasudha Narayanan, to attend next month's meeting.
3. The College of Fine Arts memorandum was discussed. Although the majority of the Committee members agreed the rationale behind the proposal was worth supporting, due to the creation of the Humanities "common course" consisting of 30-40% Fine Arts content a request to revisit the proposal in Spring 2011 after assessment of the new course was agreed upon.
4. Discussion of the two courses submitted for review led to a committee vote of 6-5 to approve the courses provided the instructor modify the writing requirements. As Gordon rule writing is described as "writing to learn" in a student's field of study the need for these courses is paramount. Dr. Fiona Barnes, Director of the Center for Communications Management in the Business College, will work with the instructor to confirm the stated writing is meeting the requirements.

| Course# | Title | Current GE & GR | Request | Approve/Deny |
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| ENU 4505L | Nuclear & Radiological Engineering Laboratory | None | E 4 | Approved |
| ENU 4612C | Radiation Detection and Instrumentation Systems | None | E 4 | Approved |

Meeting concluded @ 10:20