

General Education Committee Minutes

April 16, 2010, Began @ 8:30

Attendees: Fiona Barnes, Creed Greer, Melissa Johnson, David Julian, Mark Meisel, Andy Ogram, Brenda Smith, Theresa Vernetson, Joe Wilson, Greg Zuest, Andy McCollough and Robert Thomson Co-Chair; Leslee Stark –Coordinator, Guest –Vandana Baweja

1. Minutes from the March 19th meeting were approved.
2. Committee reports: Robert Thomson reported that the Academic Policy Council meeting's discussion focused on courses in the medical area and there was no business relevant to the General Education Committee.
3. The GE Sub-Committee on Assessment will meet this Tuesday, April 20th and Theresa Vernetson as GEC liaison to the University Academic Assessment Committee (UAAC) reported that the two meetings held to date included discussion of the Academic Learning Compacts (ALC) and the variations these contained across campus. There is no form of collection of the information obtained from the ALC's from individual colleges and the first initiative involves identifying a representative or point person to collect the data.
4. The GE Sub-Committee on Policy & Procedures, Chaired by Joe Wilson, read the distributed six (6) points they submitted for acceptance by the committee. Minor changes included 1.) Identify acceptance of the proposed policies & procedures with an effective date at "the beginning of its next meeting". 2.) Identify a reasonable amount of time in #5 in reference to proxy voting to read 7 days. Members present voted and all eleven voting members approved.
5. Dr. Vandana Baweja addressed the committee to discuss ARC3XXX, Sustainable Architecture and acknowledged the bibliography of reading materials would be detailed to identify the specific readings for the weekly topics. The committee would need to see the details of how the course would engage the students to meet both the International and Diversity components of general education. Instructor will expand the syllabus to include such information and resubmit to the committee for a vote.
6. Two of the three courses submitted for syllabi review received a vote to table. The courses requested continuation of 6,000 words writing credit and Creed Greer and Andy Ogram agreed to meet with the instructors to help clarify some of the assignments receiving word count. With this discussion the Committee once again questioned whether all Gordon Rule writing courses should include an evaluative rubric. Creed Greer and Fiona Barnes will review the University Gordon Rule requirements and make suggestions for Committee review.

7. Course review:

Course#	Title	Current GE & GR	Request	Approved/ Denied
ARC 3XXX	Sustainable Architecture	None	D, H, N	Tabled
DAA 4930	Local Performance and Engagement	None	D, H	Approved D & H
MUH 3025	Popular Music in the USA	None	D, H	Approved D& H
WST 2611	Humanities Perspective on Gender & Sexuality	D, H	E6	Approved E6
WST 2612	Social Science Perspective on Gender & Sexuality	D, S	E4	Approved E4
AEC 3033C	Research/ Business Writing	Continue E6		Tabled
AEC 4031	Communication Process in Agricultural & Life Sciences	Continue E6		Approved
AEC 4052	Agricultural Education & Communications	Continue E6		Tabled

Meeting adjourned @ 9:45