

General Education Committee Minutes

December 17, 2010

Meeting was called to order at 2:00pm

Members Present: Fiona Barnes, Barbara Curbow, Creed Greer, David Julian, John Krigbaum, Mark Meisel, Morgan Pigg, Brenda Smith; Bernard Mair and Robert Thomson Co-Chairs; Ann Goodson – Executive Secretary

1. Dr. Mair opened the meeting.
2. Minutes from the November 19th meeting were approved.
3. Course review:
HUM 2930 *Folklore of the Gator Nation*, Denied H, D, N. The course curriculum outlined by the syllabus does not meet the student learning outcomes for these General Education designations. The committee felt that the course was not appropriate to be offered at UF
4. Committee information:
Fiona Barnes summarized the draft report on UF Writing Requirement rules. Minor changes were made to the previous draft based on comments submitted by Drs. Meisel and Thomson. John Krigbaum suggested the last item on the second page the Websites may not be counted so that was up for discussion.

There was much discussion on whether “In-class writing assignments...”, “short writing assignments”, “Poster sessions”, and “Websites” should be on the list of assignments that do not count. It was decided to leave “Poster sessions” on the list and remove “Websites”. Concern was expressed that the guidelines would exclude creative writing courses from satisfying the Writing Requirement. Dr. Thomson pointed out that creative writing courses met the General Education Composition requirement but not the Writing Requirement as proposed in the draft.

Barbara Curbow suggested that the word “original” should be written into the first paragraph to emphasize that the work should be done by the student, and possibly reduce plagiarism.

After some discussion, there was some agreement to change the heading on page 2 to, “Criteria for Graded Assignments”. It was decided to revise the document again, and vote on it at the first meeting in January.

The new Gen Ed and Writing Requirement application form was discussed and a few minor corrections were suggested.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15pm