

General Education Committee

November 20, 2009 @ 9:30

Tigert Hall - Room 229

Attendees: Fiona Barnes, Walter Dukes, Stephanie Evans, Heather Gibson, Melissa Johnson, David Julian, Mark Meisel, Andy Ogram, Brenda Smith, Robert Thomson, Greg Zuest, Robert Thomson and Andy McCollough Co-Chairs; Leslee Stark –Coordinator

1. Meeting began with a discussion of the revised application emailed to the Committee for review. Mark Meisel suggested the submissions be accepted by email and forwarded to the committee members to allow the document to be word searched. Also, require the submitting unit to identify the “home” Department, and request any website links available to view syllabi on line.
2. David Julian suggested the UCC form add the identification of courses requesting General Education. Previous UCC forms indicated this but confusion occurred when people did not recognize approval through UCC and approval through General Education Committee were two separate, independent requests. After serving on several Committees the defined process for this approval is unclear.
3. The Humanities Task Force shared their most updated version of the syllabus for the Spring 2010 test of the newly created University Humanities course. The course continues to be slightly modified but the task force responsibilities of creation are almost complete. The administrative oversight tasks continue to be discussed. The Associate Deans of the three Colleges involved, CFA, CLAS & DCP continue to meet to work through these details.
4. A second request to the General Education Committee members was made to ask for volunteers to work on a sub-committee for assessment of the Universities General Education. A conference in Seattle this February will hopefully help to move this project forward and anyone interested please contact Leslee Stark lstark@aa.ufl.edu to receive details.
5. Primary course review for this Fall 2009, has been the Honors Program courses. Dr. McCollough and Dr. Kevin Knudson, Director of the Honors Program, decided that due to time constraints we would accept the requests for GE and GR for each of these courses for Spring 2010. However, future certification will require complete and timely submissions.