

General Education Committee Minutes

October 23, 2009 @ 9:30

Tigert Hall - Room 229

Attendees: Fiona Barnes, Stephanie Evans, Heather Gibson, Creed Greer, Melissa Johnson, Mark Meisel, Andy Ogram, Lynn O’Sickey, Brenda Smith, Joe Wilson, Greg Zuest, Bernard Mair, Robert Thomson & Andy McCollough Co-Chairs; Leslee Stark –Coordinator

1. Brief introductions as some members unable to attend the first meeting were present and asked to introduce themselves to the Committee.
2. Report by Robert Thomson, Co-Chair of the General Education Committee and representative on the Academic Policy Council. The Council is focusing on several of the Presidential Goals –faculty oriented primarily. One specific item is the IFAS programs that need review and renewal.
3. Discussion of the Humanities Task Force meeting with the President and Provost and the positive, enthusiastic receipt of the Task Forces work to date. The President mentioned the possibility of calling this the Signature Course for Undergraduates at the University of Florida. The course will be offered as an honors course in Spring 2010 on a trial basis and then Fall 2010 to larger trial with several sections.
4. With the anticipated visit from SACS in March 2010 a need to develop an assessment tool for University Curriculum and General Education has escalated. A subcommittee of the General Education Committee will be asked to look into the previously tested methods i.e. Focus Groups, Teacher Evaluations, ETS MAPP tests. One new method to be reviewed is designing and incorporating questions in the SERU survey initiated last spring through Institutional Planning and Research.
5. The course review began and was recorded as follows:

Course#	Title	Current GE & GR	Request	Approve/Deny
ARE4243	Principles of Teaching Art	None	H, E4	Approved H, E4
IDH3931	Bible as Literature	None	H, E4	Approved H, E4
IDH3931	Biology of Lepidoptera	None	B, E2	Tabled
IDH3931	The Cultural Production of Masculinities	None	D, N, S, E4	Approved all
IDH 3931	Ethics in Social Science	None	D, S, E6	Approved all