

General Education Committee Minutes

August 9, 2010, Meeting called @ 11:40

Attendees: , Stephanie Evans, Creed Greer, , David Julian, Mark Meisel, Andy Ogram, Brenda Smith, Joe Wilson, Greg Zuest, Andy McCollough and Robert Thomson Co-Chairs; Leslee Stark – Coordinator, Guest – Elaine Turner, Tracy Irani

1. Minutes from the May 13th meeting were not approved due to the Committee members not receiving prior to the meeting. Approval of these minutes will occur at the first meeting for the 2010-11 Committee.
2. Committee reports:
GE Sub Committee on Assessment – Did not meet over the summer due to the members out of town schedules. Those members are Joe Wilson, Theresa Vernetson, Fiona Barnes and Greg Zuest. Volunteers are welcome.
3. Meeting proceeded to course review:
ANS 2002, *The Meat We Eat*, Approved B with a request to clarify the scientific method and hypothesis connection to the student's general education outcome in the syllabus. Dr. Elaine Turner, Associate Provost in the College of Agricultural & Life Sciences will provide feedback to the instructor, Dr Chad Carr.
4. FES 3015, *Principles of Fire & Safety Services*, Approved S. Previously designated E6.
5. EDG 3377, *Knowing & Learning in Mathematics & Science* Approved S.
6. HPS 3500 new course number HPS 3003, *Perspectives on Science & Mathematics*, Approved H and discussion revolved around the "interdisciplinary" nature of the course made it difficult to identify what Humanities discipline the course was attached to. The members felt this course moved in a positive direction but it may give rise to re-evaluate the Humanities general education category description.
7. MCB 3703, *Astrobiology*, Approved E4 with a request to clarify the one writing assignment of the personal statement having a specific due date to ensure guaranteed feedback.
8. AEC 3033C, *Research/ Business Writing*, Approved E6. The revisions and clarification of the course's writing assignments met the approval of the committee members.
9. CCJ 4934, *Justice Not Blind*–Approved D & S for Fall, 2010. This honors course was being offered in the department and with the revisions assisted by Dr. Evans, the course was approved.
10. IDS 2935 *What is the Good Life* – Approved H, E2. The committee reviewed the three separate syllabuses from the three lecture sections. Discussion followed questioning why there was not a single syllabus being used. Created too much variation in a "common course" and students would tend to enroll in the sections with the easiest instructor requirements. One of the lecture sections did not follow the same weekly teaching. Brenda Smith as one of the

- instructors teaching in the team lecture clarified some of the questions on the readings and mechanics. A reminder that this is an initiative of the General Education Committee but that it is still working through the details and logistics of an "Interdisciplinary Course".
11. Creed Greer spoke to the draft document he, Fiona Barnes and Andy Ogram created concerning the Gordon Rule Writing Guidelines. Due to the time and the need for all members on the committee to have ample time to review, it was determined this would be discussed at the first committee meeting for the new General Education Committee for 2010-11.

Meeting called @ 12:50