



GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES
April 27, 2004

- Present: Robin Brewer, Jimmy Dunn, Sherrie Frye, Emily Golson, Jim Keaten, Phil Klein, Marie Livingston, Jani Malkiewicz, Lesley Manring, Molly Mathias, Kim Pacheco, Tom Trelogan, and James Villalon
- Absent: Eddie Cortez, Sandra Flake, Helen Gerretson, Gary Huffines, Barb Lowenbach, Ken Moon
- Guests: Richard Trahan, Associate Dean, College of Arts & Sciences
Vinnie Scalia, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs

Phil Klein called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

1. Announcements

Tom Trelogan invited the Council to visit the General Education Web site which he has improved, and let him know of any changes or improvements to the site. The site needs to be done by the end of May for the NCA visit.

Vinnie Scalia suggested that the Council visit the Web site of the Association of American Colleges and Universities for current ideas on general education and what is happening all over the United States in higher education. Tom will link the AACU to our Web site if the council wishes him to do so.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Keaten/Marie Livingston moved to approve the minutes with minor corrections as submitted. Motion carried.

3. Dean's Report

None

4. State Transfer Core Update

Emily reviewed the submissions for State Transfer from PVA. Her suggestions were that the submission for ART 190 have the on-line syllabus removed, there are still three other syllabi that will work. ART 181 and 182 their general syllabus will be sent back and they will be asked to remove the page numbers and then to resubmit it to the College of Arts & Sciences Deans office. THEA 130 is still revising the syllabus. THEA 330 and 331 are fine and are to be forwarded in the fall with the rest of the submissions. Marie let the chair of History know that the generic syllabus needs to be updated for HIST 100, she will follow-up. The submissions need to be turned in to CCHE by mid September.

5. Area Committee Reports

Content Area #7 – Interdisciplinary and International Studies, and Multicultural Studies

The Category 7 committee reviewed sections of HIST 113, HIST 118, JAPN 116, MIND 182, ENG 236, GER 116, and HIST 110. These were all one section courses. The memo for content area 7 is attached to these minutes. The Council approved the report as submitted to retain HIST 113, HIST 118, MIND 182, ENG 236, and GER 116 in general education and to place on probation JAPN 116 and HIST 110 for review the next time these courses are offered. The reason these courses were placed on probation had to do with insufficient materials turned in. Motion carried.

The new objectives for Category 7 were handed out. The memo is attached to these minutes. Tom Trelogon questioned objectives 5 and 6 and thought they should be reworded the Council agreed and the rewording is as follows:

5. The student will demonstrate a sense of cultural, multicultural, or intercultural identity.
6. The student will demonstrate the ability to integrate the perspectives of multiple disciplines.

Emily Golson/Marie Livingston moved to accept these new objectives. Motion carried.

These objectives will be in effect for Fall 2004. Sandy and Tom will make sure that all forms and the Web site are changed.

Content Area #4 – Arts & Letters

The Category 4 committee reviewed sections of MUS 243, FR 102 (2 sec), GER 102 (2 sec), HISP 111, MIND 180, ART 190 (2 sec), DNCE 454, ENG 213 (2 sec), FR 201 (2 sec), GER 201 (2 sec), MT 330, and THEA 330. The memo for content area 4 is attached to these minutes. The Council approved the report as submitted to retain MUS 243, FR 102, GER 102, ART 190, ENG 213, FR 201, GER 201, and THEA 330 in general education and to place on probation HISP 111, MIND 180, DNCE 454, and MT 330 for review the next time the courses are offered. The reason HISP 111 and MIND 180 were placed on probation had to do with insufficient materials turned in. DNCE 454 and MT 330 were placed on probation for numerous reasons including inadequacy of course embedded assessment, objectives not being on the syllabus, and the class does not meet the objectives of Category 4. Motion carried.

Skills Area #3 – Physical Activity

The Skills Area 3 committee reviewed SES 101, SES 174, DNCE 175, SES 111, SES 150, and SES 133. The memo for Skills Area 3 is attached to these minutes. The Council approved the report as submitted to retain SES 101, DNCE 175, SES 111, and SES 150 in general education and to place on probation SES 174 and SES 133 to be reviewed the next time they are offered. SES 174 and SES 133 were placed on probation due to the lack of insufficient materials and the need for course embedded assessment training. Motion carried.

Sandy will add the courses that did not turn anything in as being on probation and those courses will be re-reviewed the next time they are offered.

There was a general thought that a wellness component should be added to all of the physical education courses for a student to show an appreciation for health and wellness.

Skills Area #1 - Composition

Emily talked with the instructor of MUS 152 to clarify the confusion on the student outcome assessment objectives. She received the correct information so it was moved to retain this course in general education. Motion carried.

Emily also asked that a motion be made that ENG 122 and 123 course reviews should be rotated every 4 years with existing faculty and that each Fall and Spring new faculty would be doing the evaluations since these two courses are reviewed each semester. Emily Golson/Tom Trelogan moved. Motion carried.

6. Elections

There was a question concerning who would represent the College of Arts & Sciences Deans office on the Council, that appointment will be up to the Interim Dean, Curt Peterson. Vinnie will continue to be the liaison for GE 25.

Phil Klein was nominated as the chair for Fall 2004 and Tom Trelogan was nominated as vice-chair for Fall 2004. Elections for Spring 2005 will be carried out in the fall. Jim Keaten/ James Villalon moved. Motion carried.

7. Other

Vinnie discussed the answers from Jett Conner regarding the Council's questions regarding State Transfer Core courses.

Gen Ed Reform 2004-2005

Vinnie reported that there will be a General Education Task Force and the President wants a broad base people to be on this task force. It will certainly include some members of the General Education Council. He is not certain of the timeline, but it will probably be convened in the fall.

Jimmy Dunn/Tom Trelogan moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandy Pope
Recording Secretary