



GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES

September 16, 2003

Present: Robin Brewer, Sandra Flake, Sherrie Frye, Helen Gerretson, Emily Golson, Phil Klein, Marie Livingston, Jani Malkiewicz, Lesley Manring, Molly Mathias, Tom Trelogan, and James Villalon

Absent: Barbara Lowenbach, Kenneth Moon and Tracey Sedinger

Phil Klein opened the meeting and declared a quorum present.

Announcements:

Phil welcomed everyone and asked each person to introduce themselves, what department they are from, how long on GEC and what role they serve on this committee.

Phil thanked Emily for the previous two years as chair on the GEC and for all of her hard work.

Discussed area committees and now they function within GEC.

Approval of Minutes:

T. Trelogan had three changes on the April 29, 2003 minutes. E. Golson/R. Brewer moved to approve the minutes with the changes. Motion carried.

Dean's Report:

Sandra reported that there were 12 courses forwarded to CCHE for the statewide core course transfer for Fall 2003. Some of these included courses that were resubmitted since they were not reviewed in last year's process. UNC has 22 approved courses on the list that were approved last year.

Sandra discussed "Charting the Future" and what it entails not only for Arts & Sciences but for the university as a whole. General Education will be reviewed during this process. Originally it was placed under review for Academic Affairs but Sandra questioned this and said it should be under the dean of Arts & Sciences. It was then assigned under Faculty Senate since General Education Council is a governance group. She is not sure at this point where it will end up being and she asked for input on this subject.

Sandra talked about the vacancies on the committee. David Caldwell is in charge of the Faculty Senate elections. Letters for all reappointments to area committees were sent out on September 16. There was also a discussion as to whether Brook Blair is on GEC as a representative for Math & Sciences or Helen Gerretson. Sandra and Sandy will check on this and will let D. Caldwell know if another elected rep from Math/Science is needed.

Goals for 2003-04:

Phil suggested that the Assessment Committee be retired as they had completed their task with Course Embedded Assessment

New Subcommittees:

By-laws: The by-laws need to be reviewed and updated to make sure that related forms and procedures are current.

Public Information Committee: This committee reviews and updates the website for accuracy and current forms, etc. Tom Trelogan is in charge of this committee.

Charting the Future: This is a short term committee only needing to meet from October 1-November 14 when final plans for “Charting the Future” are due. Phil Klein will be the chair. This topic will be the main agenda item for the October 7 meeting. GEC was asked to think about what they see for the future of General Education. There will be a Campus Leadership Summit on Friday, September 19 from 8 – 12 to learn more about “Charting the Future”. Phil will be teaching class and asked for volunteers to go. Emily Golson and Helen Gerretson will represent GEC.

Statewide Core Course Transfer:

A copy of the memo from Jett Conner needs to be sent to Marie Livingston and Pat Graham re: ECON 103 and one to Barry Rothaus re: HIST 100. These two courses along with PHIL 100 were not approved Fall 2002. PHIL 100 resubmitted for Fall 2003.

By mid February we will ask for Fall 2004 submissions; UNC is not well represented in the arts, chemistry and math.

Course Review:

Phil talked about what is contained in the notebook. There is a current list of courses to be reviewed in Fall 2003. A list of courses from Fall 2000-Fall 2002 with the results of reviews is listed next. Spring 2003 course review materials will be delivered to the area chairs the beginning of October.

It was decided that if a course is put on probation that the chair of GEC will notify the chair of the department.

There was a question regarding how long a course is not offered before it is removed from General Education. The council believed that a new policy statement was passed in Spring 2002 that if a course was not offered in the last two years it would be removed from General Education. Sandy will look through the minutes to find this policy so the GEC knows the actual statement.

Area Committee Reports:

Skills Area #1 – Composition

No report at this time.

Skills Area #2 – Mathematics

Helen Gerretson reported that Math 181 & 182 which are now 3 & 2 credits will be changed to 3 & 3 credits.

Skills Area #3 – Physical Activity

No report at this time.

Content Area #4 – Arts & Letters

No report at this time.

Content Area #5 – Social Sciences

No report at this time.

Content Area #6 – Science & Mathematics

No report at this time.

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

Lesley reminded the committee that Fall 2002 courses would be reviewed again this semester. Also, since there is not a chair of this committee Lesley was asked to convene a meeting of the committee to pick a chair. She agreed to do this.

Other:

Blackboard Training needs to be added to our agenda in the near future.

There is a Higher Education Conference that is taking place on campus in November.

E. Golson/H. Gerretson moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Submitted by

Sandy Pope
Recording Secretary