



GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

**MINUTES
September 21, 2004**

- Present: Robin Brewer, David Caldwell, Jimmy Dunn, Sherrie Frye, Emily Golson, Gary Huffines, Phil Klein, Keiko Krahnke, Barb Lowenbach, Lesley Manning, Kim Pacheco, Lorie Sauble-Otto, Anne Toewe, Tom Trelogan, James Villalon, and Stephanie Wiegand.
- Absent: James Keaten, Marie Livingston, and Janie Malkiewicz
- Guest: Chris Porter, SRC

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

1. Announcements

There are two new people on the Council, Stephanie Wiegand, Library, and Anne Toewe, Representative for the Undergraduate Council.

2. Approval of Minutes

Tom Trelogan/Jimmy Dunn moved to approve the minutes from September 7. Motion carried.

3. Dean's Report

David Caldwell reported that he had submitted the courses to Dr. Huang to be forwarded to the GE 25 Council for inclusion in the Statewide Guaranteed Transfer Core. The courses are listed under Item 6 of the minutes.

There is a General Education speaker series this semester. The first talk in the series, given on Monday, September 20th, featured Calvin Boardman. There will be two more guest speakers coming in the future.

David reported on the September 20th NCA meeting on General Education, also attended by Phil Klein and Tom Trelogan. Tom McPhail, the NCA representative who chaired the meeting, was very pleased with the assessment of General Education, was pleased that the number of courses in General Education was going down not up, and was pleased that there are no potential problems with the program. Two concerns that were brought up were that General Education class size were getting larger and that Category 7 might be eliminated from General Education in the new program.

David has e-mailed all the area committee members, whose terms have expired, asking them to serve one more year during the interim before the new program is instituted.

4. Academic Affairs VP's Report

None

5. Charting the Future: Discussion

Phil handed out the information from the CTF draft regarding the Commission on the University Experience. Also the memo containing the Council's comments on the CTF plan from March 2004 was re-distributed to the Council.

Phil asked the Council if it would like to put forth names to President Norton for the Commission on the University Experience. After some discussion, Phil asked for nominations and/or volunteers. Marie Livingston (via e-mail to Phil), Emily Golson, and Tom Trelogan volunteered and Phil will nominate them for faculty representation on the Commission. David Caldwell will also be nominated, but as an administration representative on the Commission.

6. Statewide Core Course Transfer

Nine courses went forward to Provost Huang on September 15 to forward to the Colorado Commission on Higher Education, GE 25 committee. Those courses were ECON 103, HIST 100, MIND 296, ART 181, 192, and 290, and THEA 130, 330, and 331.

7. Area Committee Reports

None

8. Other

Phil reported that he is an *ex officio* member of the President's Planning Council which is partially made up of the Faculty Senate president and the chairs of the four faculty councils. Phil wanted to know if the Council wanted to elect a new chair now to represent the GEC on the President's Planning Council, since he will be on sabbatical leave in the spring. The Council decided to wait until more is known about the President's Planning Council, (i.e. when it will meet, what membership on it will entail, etc.) before electing a new chair.

Jimmy Dunn/James Villalon moved to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary