

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

MINUTES

January 18, 2005

- Present: Robin Brewer, David Caldwell, Jimmy Dunn, Jim Keaten, Keiko Krahnke, Marie Livingston, Lesley Manring, Chris Porter, Lorie Sauble-Otto, Anne Toewe, Tom Trelogan, and Stephanie Wiegand
- Absent: Michelle Chamberlin, Sherrie Frye, Emily Golson, Gary Huffines, Barb Lowenbach, and Kim Pacheco
- Guests: Vinnie Scalia, Associate Vice President of Academic Affairs
Dianna Gray, Sports and Exercise Science, and Matt Lang, SRC

Tom Trelogan called the meeting to order and declared a quorum present.

1. Announcements

Tom announced that Steve Mazurana is now representing Content Area 5.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jimmy Dunn/Jim Keaten moved to approve the minutes of the November 16 meeting with a minor correction. Motion carried.

3. Dean's Report

None

4. Academic Affairs VP's Report

None

5. Commission on the University Experience Report

Jim Keaten reported that the commission is now distinguishing between short term goals and long term goals to facilitate getting a general education program in place by Fall 2006.

He also announced that only courses that are in gtPathways by January or February of next year will be available for inclusion in the basic 35-37 hour portion of the new general education program. Jim reported that the task force will also be soliciting information from students; this is in preliminary stages. Finally, the General Education Task Force Report from Spring 2001 has been put on the CUE Web site and handed out to the members of the commission.

6. Spring 2005 Submission of Courses for the gtPathways Curriculum

March 1 is the deadline for nominating additional courses for inclusion in gtPathways.

The GEC decided that nominations need to be in to Sandy by February 4. The GEC will not meet on February 1 but on February 8th and 15th to go over the submissions and make corrections if need be. The submissions will then be forwarded to Vinnie and he will

forward them to CCHE before the March 1 deadline.

Vinnie has talked to Matt Gianneschi and he indicated that the GEC should submit interdisciplinary, international, and multicultural courses for the Guaranteed Transfer Program.

7. Letter to Chairs and Directors on Impending Deadlines and Coming Changes

Tom handed out a draft of the memo for chairs and directors regarding the deadline for nominations. He pointed out some changes in the nomination procedure: 1) for each course, only one syllabus will have to be submitted instead of three, except for lab sciences: they need to submit two, one for the course and one for the lab 2) the nominations can be submitted on-line. Several suggestions were made about ways to improve in the memo; Tom will send a second draft to the GEC members for additional suggestions before he sends out the final memo to everyone.

There was a question as to who approves the General Education Program. Tom stated that any major change will require faculty approval. The CUE recommendations are due to the President by October 1, 2005.

Jimmy Dunn was asked to convert the gtPathways nomination form from a PDF file to a Word file. He will send this to Tom to send out with the memo.

8. Area Committee Reports

Content Area 4 – Arts & Letters

The Category 4 area committee reviewed sections of ENST 385 (1 sec), HIST 120 (2 sec), MIND 181 (1 sec), MIND 293 (1 sec), MUS 244 (1 sec), SPAN 101 (5 sec), and SPAN 201 (3 sec). The memo for content area 4 is attached to these minutes. The Council approved the report as submitted and voted to retain HIST 120, MIND 181, MUS 244, SPAN 101, and SPAN 201 in general education and to place on probation ENST 385 and MIND 293 for review the next time the courses are offered. ENST 385 was placed on probation for various reasons and a copy of this report will be sent to the instructor so specific issues can be addressed. MIND 293 was placed on probation because of missing materials. Motion carried.

9. Other

None

Jim Keaten/Robin Brewer moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:25 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary