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**GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
October 18, 2005**

- Present: David Caldwell, Annie Epperson, Steve Mazurana, Kim Pacheco, Tom Trelogan, Ben Varner, Stephanie Wiegand, and Sharon Wilson
- Absent: Pat Graham, Keiko Krahnke, Joe Liefer, and Jani Malkiewicz
- Guests: Cris de la Torre, Jeff Farmer, Cynthia Galovich, Gregory Heald, and Mary Schuttler (members of CUE)

Tom Trelogan called the meeting to order.

▪ Announcements

This is a momentous occasion—with the CUE joining the GEC for a meeting!

Kim Pacheco, Barb Lowenbach, and Tom Trelogan attended the Academic Leadership Team Meeting to present the draft proposal on the new general education program. David Caldwell, Jeff Farmer, and Dianna Gray were in attendance as members of the Academic Leadership Team as well as representing the CUE.

The Faculty Forum on the proposed new general education program is Wednesday, October 26th, 2:30-4:00 in Columbine A.

Steve Mazurana, Mary Schuttler, and Jeff Farmer attended the Faculty-to-Faculty Conference on Friday, October 14.

Mary stated that UNC is ahead of the game with gtPathways compared to other universities and colleges.

Steve reported that in the Social Sciences area in regard to the History requirement the CCHE is considering changing conditions for the approval of History courses. The question is whether the courses within this area should carry HIST prefixes only or be a mix of courses that include HIST-prefix courses.

Jeff emphasized that when a syllabus is submitted for review in gtPathways it needs to contain information different from what you want to give to students; the purpose of the syllabus here is to show that the course meets the competency criteria for the area for

which you are submitting the course. One of the main objectives for those who are submitting or resubmitting courses should be to rework the syllabus to ensure that when the courses are reviewed the syllabus and the competency criteria can be seen to match.

David and Tom thanked Mary, Steve, and Jeff for attending the meeting.

- Approval of Minutes
Kim Pacheco/Stephanie Wiegand moved to approve the minutes as submitted. Motion carried.
- Reports
 - Provost's Office/GE 25 Report
David attended the GE25 Council meeting. He reported that the courses not recommended for gtPathways last spring need to be resubmitted on the regular forms. Courses can be submitted up to three times and will not be posted on the CCHE Web site as not recommended. There was a question regarding establishing new criteria to distinguish between elementary and intermediate composition. The number of hours a student would need for transfer would be 31 hours in Fall 2006 and for any students before Fall 2006 it is 35-37 hours. There may be a separate evaluation form for the History courses different from the one for social sciences. David reported that he recommended that an additional category be formed for foreign language. The GE 25 Council decided that a separate set of criteria would need to be written for foreign language courses, and David is writing these criteria, which will be submitted for approval. The new submission form should be done and approved at the November 7th meeting and should be on-line by the middle of November. David gave deadlines for submissions as follows:
 - February 10, 2006 - Course submissions due to the CCHE
 - February 24, 2006 – Course submission evaluations by the CCHE
 - March 31, 2006 – Course submissions due to the CCHE
 - April 14, 2006 – Course submission evaluations by the CCHE
 - Commission on the University Experience Report
No report except that the deadline for submitting names to teach the MIND 100 class is Friday, October 21.
 - gtPathways Update
See report under Provost's Office/GE 25.
- Discussion with the CUE of the current draft of the new General Education Program
Tom handed out Draft 08 of the proposed new general education program (see attached document).
 - Tom reported that GEOG 200 and ANT 130 are the only courses that he has not been contacted about regarding resubmission to gtPathways. Jeff stated that the Math faculty is still discussing the resubmission of CS 101. Tom would like all of

the information regarding resubmissions and regular submissions turned in by Friday, October 21.

There are changes to the Life of the Mind section of the *Catalog* copy.

Tom reported that he met with the faculty of the School of Modern Languages & Cultural Studies on Monday, October 17, and that: 1) AFS 101, AFS 104, and HISP 111 will be submitted for gtPathways 2) the MLCS faculty expressed a strong objection to having the number of hours for areas 7 and 8 listed as 0-3 hours. It was decided that all reference to hours should be removed from the description of those two areas so that the copy reads: “Students must take one course from areas 7 and/or 8.” It was decided also that we should remove all references to hours from the parentheses in the first paragraph under “Requirements.”

It was suggested that we might need to defer to the APC regarding changing the rule that only 6 hours of courses carrying the prefix of a student’s major can be counted towards both the satisfaction of general education requirements and the satisfaction of his or her major requirements, but that we could, of course, make a recommendation.

Sharon Wilson/Kim Pacheco moved to recommend changing the rule so that 9 hours of courses carrying the prefix of a student’s major can be used to satisfy both general education requirements and the requirements of the student’s major. . Motion carried.

The question was raised whether courses that can be taken as electives should be drawn from areas 3-8 only or from areas 1-8?

Kim Pacheco/Stephanie Wiegand moved that the electives credit hours come from areas 1-8. Motion carried.

Finally, there was some discussion of what the name of the new program should be.

Several ideas were discussed but no consensus was reached. It was decided to have this discussed at the Faculty Forum on October 26th.

- New Business: Two Course Change Proposals and Two New Courses
 1. Area 3b – Literature and Humanities
 - a. HUM 331 to HUM 231
 2. Area 3a – Ways of Thinking
 - a. PHIL 305 to PHIL 150
 3. Electives
 - a. MIND 100 (Freshman Preceptorial)
 - b. ASLS 160 (was CMDS 160 and removed from Gen Ed cat 5)

Tabled until the next meeting.

Sharon Wilson/Steve Mazurana moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Pope
Recording Secretary