



GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

**MINUTES
November 16, 2004**

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

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

1. Announcements

Tom Trelogan announced that he has updated the GEC Web site with links to the CCHE State Guaranteed Transfer Core (GT Pathways) and to the Web site for the Commission on the University Experience.

2. Approval of Minutes

Jim Keaten/Jimmy Dunn moved to approve the minutes of the November 2 meeting. Motion carried.

3. Dean's Report

David Caldwell reported that he and Karen Jennison attended a conference of the Council of Colleges of Arts & Sciences in San Antonio, Texas. There was quite a bit of discussion regarding core curriculum and assessment of general education. David felt good about how our General Education program is doing.

4. Academic Affairs VP's Report

Vinnie Scalia reported that Matt Gianneschi will be replacing Jett Conner as the CCHE representative on GE 25. Vinnie thinks that the departments should resubmit all the diversity and interdisciplinary courses for the State Guaranteed Transfer Core courses. He felt that the discussion at the GE 25 meeting was very open and that things will be different with Matt at the helm.

Vinnie also reported that the third round of submissions for the State Guaranteed Transfer Core will be in February 2005.

5. Commission on the University Experience Report

Marie Livingston reported on the CUE meetings that have been held so far. At the first meeting the Commission received its charge from President Norton. At the second meeting the members of the Commission discussed the first four readings President Norton had given them. The main discussion at the second meeting had to do with the merits of a core curriculum versus a distribution list. There was also some discussion of whether our current General Education Program is doing what it is supposed to do, and of different ideas as to how the Commission might best proceed. A chair will be chosen at the next meeting on Thursday, November 18. Tom Trelogan reported that all of the readings President Norton gave to the Commission are available on the CUE Web site. David Caldwell reported that he will have additional readings put on reserve in the library. The CUE minutes will be posted to the Web site.

6. Area Committee Reports

a) Content Area 7 – Interdisciplinary and International Studies, and Multicultural Studies

Jim Keaten reported that the Content Area 7 committee has approved a new course addition, HUM 130, Introduction to Cultural Studies, in category 7a. The memo from Jim Keaten regarding this course is attached. The Council felt this was a good course to add to general education not only because it's a rigorous introduction to the field of the cultural studies but also because it can serve as a model for interdisciplinary courses. Motion carried.

Jim Keaten reported that the Content Area 7 committee had not voted on a name change for GERO 205, Introduction to Gerontology to The Aging Experience. Jim Keaten/Phil Klein moved to approve the name change. The Council felt that the proposed new name did not adequately describe the course. The Council requests further information, such as evidence that the present name causes confusion. The Council is concerned that a course on a transcript with such an unusual title might not be recognized for transfer by other institutions. The Council thinks "Introduction to Gerontology" is a clear and recognizable title. Motion denied.

The Spring 2004 course review report will be presented at the January 18, 2005 meeting.

b) Content Area 5 – Social Sciences

Phil Klein reported that the Content Area 5 committee has approved a proposal to change the numbers and titles of ECON 103, Introduction to Economics: Macroeconomics, and ECON 105, Introduction to Economics: Microeconomics, to ECON 203, Principles of Macroeconomics, and ECON 205, Principles of Microeconomics. The rationale for the change was a desire to make the numbers and titles more consistent with those of similar courses at other colleges and universities around the country. The format and content of the courses will remain the same. Marie Livingston reported that ECON 101, Understanding the Contemporary Economy, will be for non-majors and that at least 6 sections will be offered in Fall 2005. Motion carried.

c) Skills Area 1 – Composition

The Category 1 area committee reviewed eight of ten sections of ENG 123. The memo describing the results of the review is attached to these minutes. The committee's recommendation was to retain ENG 123 in general education. Motion carried.

It was decided by the Council that a letter should be sent to the English Department regarding standardizing the syllabi and assessment. Jim Keaten will draft a letter to this effect.

d) Content Area 4 – Arts & Letters

Because time ran out, the Spring 2004 course review report will be presented at the January 18, 2005 meeting.

7. Other

The next GEC meeting will be January 18, 2005.

Steve Mazurana has agreed to serve as the chair of the committee for Content Area 5, Social Sciences, replacing Phil Klein, who will be on leave in the Spring.

Jimmy Dunn/Chris Porter moved to adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by

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