

General Education Council

Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2009

Allie Young 31

The General Education Council met at 7:30 a.m. November 20, 2009, in Room 31 Allie Young. Members present: Yvonne Baldwin, Robert Boram, Glen Colburn, Becky Katz, Dianna Murphy, Edna Schack, Cathy Thomas, Clarenda Phillips, Barbara Dehner, Beverly McCormick, Loretta Lykins, Charles Patrick, and Dayna Seelig.

Agenda Items:

- Yvonne Baldwin provided an update on meetings, reports, issues since the Nov 12 meeting. She attended the Chairs Forum yesterday to provide an update (attached), and gave a presentation on Gen Ed and Developmental Ed to Enrollment Services.
- Blackboard site is up and running. All course proposals and supporting documents will be uploaded to this site to assure access and a secure environment for discussion and shared materials. Yvonne Baldwin and Cathy Thomas will maintain the site and monitor the discussion board. As soon as the proposals are ready, discussion threads will be open. Council members can add discussion threads as needed.
- Subcommittee reports – FYS proposal was reported on by members of the subcommittee. Discussion of the proposal form centered on the need/usefulness of the common instructional times. Consensus is that this is a positive aspect of the program that allows for large group interactions and events and some common testing times. Faculty may propose an alternate time on the proposal form. It was agreed that the Type II proposal for FYS will include recommendations for assessments to be appropriately weighted so students will take them seriously. It was agreed that the proposal will include rubrics for the writing, presentation, and pre-post tests in order to assure that the data we collect has validity. There was brief discussion of textbook ordering for the common reading.
- The need to identify sample syllabi and assessments came up. Council members will contribute useful samples as they are located.
- Discussion of Exchange Courses took place. Yvonne is still waiting on the bulleted list of issues from the deans, but she and Cathy Thomas will be meeting with the deans and this issue will be on that agenda.
- Planning for course review took place. It was agreed that the Council will focus on developing and approving the FYS Type II, then the section proposals, then the core proposals.
- Next meeting on Friday, November 24, from 7:30 to 8:50 in AY 31.