

# General Education Council

## Meeting Minutes

### November 24, 2009

### Allie Young 31

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The General Education Council met at 7:30 a.m. November 24, 2009, in Room 31 Allie Young. Members present: Yvonne Baldwin, Cyndi Gibbs, Carol Wymer, Robert Boram, Glen Colburn, Timothy Hare, Becky Katz, Edna Schack, Cathy Thomas, Clarenda Phillips, Beverly McCormick, and Dayna Seelig.

#### Agenda Items:

- The meeting centered on the FYS proposal. The issue of what to include from MSU 101 was discussed briefly. The Council agreed that as the course evolves, decisions must be made about this. There are a number of available models that could inform this decision. Some schools set mandatory test dates using a “K” or “pass” credit module approach. The issue of the role of the FYS subcommittee was also discussed and what role this group should play in the ongoing process of delivering, assessing, and improving the FYS. The issue of the Faculty Assessment Coordinator position, which remains vacant, was discussed. The general feeling of the council is that this is more work that can be compensated for in a two-course release.
- On the issue of assessment and reporting of data, Yvonne reported on a conversation with L.K. Williams. He and Scott Wymer have developed a “Student 180” software similar in concept to “Faculty 180.” It was agreed that Yvonne would meet with them and secure information about any potential this software has for GE assessment and data maintenance. Weave remains a logical and reasonable location for assessment planning and reporting, but testing and data analysis and maintenance are unresolved issues.
- It was agreed that Cathy Thomas and Dianna Murphy would develop a rubric for the council to use in reviewing FYS section proposals. They will send it to Yvonne for posting at the BB site.
- Glen provided some information on the writing rubric for FYS. It was agreed that he and Edna will collaborate on suggestions for the proposal.
- Meeting adjourned at 9 a.m. Next meeting on Friday, December 3, in AY 31.