

General Education Council

Meeting Minutes

December 3, 2009

Allie Young 31

The General Education Council met at 7:30 a.m. December 3, 2009, in Room 31 Allie Young. Members present: Yvonne Baldwin, Cyndi Gibbs, Carol Wymer, Robert Boram, Glen Colburn, Timothy Hare, Becky Katz, Dianna Murphy, Edna Schack, Cathy Thomas, Elsie Pritchard, and Loretta Lykins.

Agenda Items:

- The council is faced with the Monday, December 7 deadline of returning core course proposals with comments, and the members are not certain this deadline can be met. Yvonne will email the deans and department chairs today to alert them that the council will make every effort to have comments to originators of core course proposals by Friday, Dec. 11, with a fallback position of Monday, Dec. 14. She will also inform them that the council will continue to accept FYS section proposals.
- The council reviewed and approved the editorial changes to the Type IIA FYS proposal. Cathy Thomas will make the editorial changes and send to Yvonne. Once the final edits have been made, it will be posted at the Gen Ed reform website. Yvonne will also distribute it through the deans and chairs via email. The issue of grading the common assessments was raised. Following discussion, it was agreed that the combined weight of the three assessments must be at least 30% of the course grade. This could be 10/10/10 (preference of the majority), to assure that students take the assessments seriously, but the council agreed this decision should be made by faculty teaching the course.
- The council discussed a point raised by a member regarding the absence of SLO 2a from the FYS list. They agreed that this is a critical SLO for the course, but consensus was that faculty can only give particular attention, in terms of assessment, to a limited number of outcomes. Since that number is already high, it was agreed that this issue should be monitored, through the course proposal review process, to assure that students are acquiring the information acquisition and literacy skills appropriate for the 21st Century.
- The proposed changes were finalized. The voting members approved the FYS seminar Type II proposal by a vote of 10 for, 1 opposed.
- The GE council voted to approve the following FYS section proposals: Secor; Rathbun; McCormick/Ratliff; Hare/Scott; and Ratajewski. They voted to return for revision the following section proposals: Chapman; Rogers; Grise; Johnson/Rogers. Comments were noted and will be forwarded by Yvonne Baldwin.

- The meeting adjourned at 9 a.m. with the agreement to meet Friday, Dec. 4, in AY 31. Cathy Thomas will preside. Review of FYS proposals will continue. When those have been completed, the council will begin review of the core proposals in alphabetical order – Communication, English, Math.