

General Education Council Special Meeting Minutes January 22, 2010 BRECK 302

Members Present: Robert Boram, Glen Colburn, Cyndi Gibbs, Timothy Hare, Rebecca Katz, Bev McCormick, Charles Patrick, Cathy Thomas, Carol Wymer

Members Absent: Yvonne Baldwin, Barbara Dehner, Dianna Murphy, Loretta Lykins, Clarenda Phillips
Elsie Pritchard, Edna Schack, Dayna Seelig

The General Education Council met Friday, January 22, 2010 at 1pm in BRECK 302.

The following actions were taken.

1. Approved the following FYS proposals with the listed revisions:
Murphy: Clarify the language in the landmark court cases. (Suggested: “ We will examine two landmark court cases.....”)
Howard: Replace the word “We” with “the students will”
Hardesty: Approve without revisions.
2. Discussion ensued about the number of Math courses in the Gen Ed core. The Council made the following recommendation. General Education classes should serve the needs of a variety of students, not to fulfill programmatic needs. Therefore, we recommend the following Math classes in the Gen Ed core: Math 131, Math 135, Math 152, Math 174, and Math 175. Further , we ask that the Math 135, course description be changed to make it less specific (not *Math for technical students*)and align its objectives with the Gen Ed SLOs.
3. The Council then discussed 30 Transitional course proposals. The Council is concerned that there is a communication breakdown between what we expect and what the faculty think we want in the proposal process. For the next round of course proposals it was suggested that we provide for them a clear explanation of terminology for course proposals. It was suggested that Council members have two open forums to discuss the proposal process and provide examples of what we mean. **Action: The 30 course proposals were approved by unanimous vote**, with the caveat that **all** transitional courses have a clear, common assessment for multiple sectioned courses. Every section **MUST** use the same assessment. For the 2011-12 school year and the implementation of new courses, the Council will work on providing more clarity of terms and providing examples.

Meeting adjourned: 2:15 pm.

Next meeting, Friday, January 29, 2010 from 2-4 pm in AY 31.