

General Education Council

Meeting Minutes

March 3, 2010

Allie Young 31

The General Education Council met at 7:30 a.m. March 3, 2010, in Room 31 Allie Young. Members present were: Kerry Murphy, Clarenda Phillips, Barbara Dehner, Edna Schack, Yvonne Baldwin, Glen Colburn, Timothy Hare, Carol Wymer, Charles Patrick, Robert Boram, Cathy Thomas, Dayna Seelig, Cyndi Gibbs, Rebecca Katz. Absent were: Beverly McCormick, Elsie Pritchard.

1. Minutes of February 26 meeting were approved upon editing.
2. **Old Business:**
 - a. Lengthy discussion on the so-called “double dipping” issue took place. Perhaps because there are many definitions of this practice, it was difficult to arrive at consensus. Dayna Seelig said that her goal was to implement policies that helped the GEC meet its goal of a truly “general” curriculum of general education courses that assures breadth of knowledge. She wants to avoid a gen ed curriculum in which departments prescribe introductory courses in their discipline and use them as hidden program requirements. It was agreed that the GEC needed to clarify what “double dipping” means from the gen ed perspective.
 - **Action: The following was adopted by majority vote:
Specific General Education courses may not be prescribed by academic programs of study.**
*Dayna Seelig noted that Academic departments may use the “Advising Notes” section of “120 Program Proposal” to suggest course choices.
 - **Action: Programs may require a general education course in their program of study, but it may not also count as a general education requirement.**
 - b. Discussion occupied the entire meeting time. The following items were postponed until the special called meeting on Friday, March 5.
 - Finalize Timeline
 - Work on advising document
 - Work on assessment document
3. Next Meeting: Friday, March 5, 7:30 a.m. AY 31.