

Gen ED Council Meeting Minutes  
January 21, 2011  
031 Allie Young  
2:00 pm

**In attendance:** Robert Boram, Glen Colburn, Cyndi Gibbs, Timothy Hare, Phil Krummrich, Gary Mesa-Gaido, Kerry Murphy, Mike Phillips, Ann Rathbun, Edna Schack, Paula Serra, Kimberlee Sharp, Cathy Thomas, Wesley White, Carol Wymer

Guests: Provost Karla Hughes, Jason Applegate (Cyndi Gibbs' proxy this semester), Billie Horton, and Lisa Shemwell

Meeting called to order by Chair C. Patrick at 2:00 pm.

**MOTION:** C.Wymer-To approve December 17, 2010 minutes. Seconded by E.Schack. Vote unanimous in favor.

**REPORTS:**

- FYS

Dr. Karla Hughes, Provost discussed the following FYS issues related to faculty workload incentives:

- Dr. Hughes stressed there is no opposition to faculty having extra workload credit for teaching FYS.
- Academic departments should consider Data Strategies targets for credit hour generation and the extra workload from teaching FYS would not affect those targets.
- Dr. Hughes is open to ideas and options from faculty for incentives/rewards for teaching FYS.
- Dr. Hughes provided examples for incentives such as professional development accounts for laptop/iPad, travel, research start-up equipment, sports packages, and possibly stipends (although these are taxed).

A.Rathbun announced the FYS Subcommittee planned to have training for all new and returning FYS faculty.

- REGISTRAR'S OFFICE

K.Murphy provided the following updates on course numbers: **HUM1** Current: Art 263 – Art History I/Approved: Art 263 World Arts, Current: MUSH 261 – Music Listening/Approved: MUSH 261 – Global Music Experience; **NSC2** Current: GEO/ESS 101 – Physical Geography/Approved: GEO/ESS 101 – Dangerous Planet; \*ASTR 103 to ASTR 112; **SBS1** Current: SOC 203 Contemporary Social Problems/Approved: SOC 203 – American Social Problems; **SBS2** Current: GEO 100 – Fundamentals of Geography/Approved: GEO 100 – The Human World

\*ASTR 103 was proposed and approved as a new course; however, the department wishes to change the number to ASTR 112 and make this a major course revision.

K.Murphy also announced the schedule build will be open in February.

- ASSESSMENT

P.Serra reported assessment of FYS as follows: 33 sections had actual data, 3 sections had incorrect data or misunderstood the spreadsheet, and 1 section had suspect data (almost every student received perfect score). She appealed to the membership for a few members to assist with revisions to the FYS rubric. She also requested members begin to develop the rubric(s) to be used for capstone courses.

- DISTRIBUTION COURSES APPROVED

C. Patrick reported to chairs and deans the distribution courses approved to date as well as asked for input on criteria to be used for selecting courses in each distribution category limited to 10 regular and 4 interdisciplinary courses.

Discussion of selection criteria resulted in request for motion to Faculty Senate. W.White volunteered to draft statement to request permission to exceed previously established maximum number of regular and interdisciplinary courses in the HUM 1 and SBS 2 categories. C. Patrick will send statement via email for vote at next GEC meeting.

- ART 160 SLOs

The SLOs are embedded in the course description. GEC members agreed this was sufficient for this course.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

- DISTRIBUTION COURSE APPROVALS

HUMANITIES TEAM:

**MOTION:** Humanities Team to approve HUM 2: **GOVT 180**. Vote was unanimous.

SBS TEAM:

**MOTION:** SBS Team to not approve SBS 2: **NURS 345**. Vote was unanimous.

- CHANGING DISTRIBUTION CATEGORIES

Katy Carlson and Terry Irons (English dept.) volunteered to move ENG 205 from SBS 2 to HUM 2. C.Patrick will contact them to request they complete a revised proposal, which would then need GEC approval in the new category.

- CAPSTONE COURSE PROPOSAL

T.Hare will lead group to prepare forms, instructions and timeline for the process. Volunteers for the group include T.Hare, P.Serra, J.Applegate, R.Boram, and K.Sharp.

EXCHANGE COURSES

C.Wymer will lead group to develop exchange course process with a definition, examples, instructions, and timeline for the process. Volunteers for the group include C.Wymer, A.Rathbun, C.Gibbs, and K.Murphy.

C.Patrick made a request to M.Phillips to be placed on the Chairs' Council agenda for the next meeting to discuss the issue of exchange courses.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- GEN ED STATEMENT

T.Hare will email electronic copy of GenEd statement for syllabi to W.White and C. Patrick for revision work so that it can be submitted to GEC for review at next meeting.

- GEC Meetings

Due to class schedules and department meetings, the GEC spring semester meetings will be on Fridays at 2pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:00pm and next meeting is 1/28/11 at 2 pm.