

Gen Ed Council Meeting Minutes
September 10, 2010
031 Allie Young
11:30-1:15pm

In attendance: Robert Boram, Carrie Coaplen (Glen Coburn's proxy), Cyndi Gibbs, Roslyn Perry, Ann Rathbun, Kimberlee Sharp, Cathy Thomas, Carol Wymer, Timothy Hare, Wesley White, Charles Patrick

Guest: Lisa Shemwell

Meeting called to order by Chair C. Patrick at 11:30am.

C. Patrick opened meeting with welcome and introduced Lisa Shemwell. She will be providing some assistance to the Council on a part time basis.

Discussion:

- Nomination for CCoAHSS faculty representative (to replace B.Katz) – *Deborah Eastwood, Music Instructor*
- *Assessment requirements for faculty – core and transition courses.*
GEC should clarify that GenEd assessment is not punitive, but eventually used as professional development to improve teaching and provide assistance.

Motion: Carol Wymer - faculty teaching the GenEd core courses (not including First Year Seminar) and the distribution courses shall submit evidence of the assessment for two (2) SLOs for their class(es) every semester, with all the SLOs in the course being covered in no more than two years. Seconded by Robert Boram. Vote unanimous in favor.

Assessment data - what evidence is required?

Original plan calls for common rubrics and common assessments. Faculty should have input and convene within departments to develop plans.

Motion: Carol Wymer – the faculty for each GenEd core (not including First Year Seminar) and distribution course shall submit a plan for assessment of two (2) SLOs per semester and all SLO's within the two year period to the GenEd Council. Seconded by Cathy Thomas. Vote unanimous in favor.

- *Approval Process for Distribution Course Proposals*
C. Patrick clarified that proposed courses would need to be submitted to Dept. Chair and then to Dean as documentation for their approval of the courses. The Dean would then forward to the Gen Ed email inbox.

- *Interdisciplinary Course Definition*

Committee reviewed definition of Interdisciplinary Education provided by Dean of College of Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences.

Motion: Robert Boram - accept Dean McBride's definition of interdisciplinary education (*see statement below*). Second by Timothy Hare. Vote unanimous in favor.

Interdisciplinary education: a mode of curriculum design and instruction in which individual faculty or teams identify, evaluate, and integrate information, data, techniques, tools, perspectives, concepts, and or theories from two or more disciplines or bodies of knowledge to advance students' capacity to understand issues, address problems, appraise explanations, and create new approaches and solutions that extend beyond the scope of a single discipline or area of instruction.

[<http://www.evergreen.edu/washcenter/resources/upload/2006ssrcwhitepaper.pdf>]

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- FYS Blog – report by A. Rathbun: FYS subcommittee meeting on Monday, 9/13/10
- Course Prefixes: R. Perry reported Registrar's Office is checking if a GenEd prefix (HUM1, SBS2, etc.) is feasible. Gathering data for the process and will report at later meeting.
- Question of number of First Year Seminar sections in spring semester. R. Perry reported 936 first time, full time freshman registered for First Year Seminar, of which 53 are not taking FYS. Decision on number of FYS sections to be decided at later Council meeting.
- Question of whether students are allowed to drop First Year Seminar. An update will be provided to Council at later meeting. Council decided to examine fall drops at the end of semester to determine overall drop rate. No action warranted at this time.

GEC VICE CHAIR ELECTION:

Nominations were accepted for a Vice Chair to preside over the meetings during chair's absence. Barbara Dehner and Robert Boram were nominated. Dehner was elected by secret ballot.