

Minutes

Sept 22, 2006

General Education Committee

Present: Jennifer Borup, Yunge Dutton (for Kelly Browning), Kristine Butler, Tricia Davis, Karen Klyczek, Tracey Gladstone, Brian Schultz, Susan Tarr, Donavon Taylor, Rich Wallace, Ian Williams, (Chair), Ruthann Wood.

Guest: Wes Chapin.

The meeting was called to order at 10:12 am a.m.

Minutes for September 18th were read and approved with a few corrections.

Old Business:

Report from Browning: how the DAR system treats a “lab only” course if it is taken after the lecture course. Yunge Dutton reported that the registrars office will have no difficulty coping with the Physics & Geology labs causing a change from S to SL for the corresponding three credit classes. Nor does it matter if these classes are taken at a later date than the corresponding three credit classes.

Motion: That the footnote should be changed indicating that taking specified 1 credit SL courses can change an S to an SL if it is taken “with or after” the specified S course. (Wood/Klyczek). After some discussion this motion was carried unanimously.

Motion: To adopt the “criteria used to evaluate Gen Ed course proposals” document, make it official policy of the committee and publish it on the committee website for the university community. (Gladstone/Tarr)

A copy of the final document was distributed by Tracey Gladstone. Motion carried unanimously (This document will be posted on the committee website for the University community to see).

New Business

Discussion of committee structure & reposting process (specifically if this committee should report to the AP & P committee or directly to Faculty Senate).

There was some initial discussion of this topic. Questions raised included: How many faculty members should our committee have and which constituencies should they represent? To whom does this committee report? Who is in charge of General Education assessment? Wes Chapin pointed out that, with more and more committees being formed and the reduction in the number of faculty members on campus, keeping committee memberships to a minimum is becoming important.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05 am

respectfully submitted
Ian Williams