

GECC Meeting Minutes 10/08/09

Present: Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Stephanie Gonzalez, Margaret Doell, Marty Jones

The meeting was called to order shortly after 4 p.m. We reviewed minutes from the previous meeting and approved all changes.

Agenda included finishing our review of NSSE data and approving a Cinema course for an alternative General Education requirement. We did not have an electronic or a hardcopy version of the course materials and postponed reviewing the materials until our next meeting.

Carol presented the General Education Assessment Report from 2001. In 2001, students were required to take the AP exam for assessment purposes, but since it had no graduation impact on students, its success was limited.

We briefly reviewed Gen Ed requirements in 3 programs, Nursing, Agricultural Business, and the Extended Studies Sociology degree program and realized that some websites needed updating.

The NSSE data showed the largest drop in Supportive Campus Environment from freshmen to seniors. While we do compare similarly to our peer institutions, we had a larger drop between first year and fourth year students. This trend could be related to the large increase of students supporting a family member from first year to fourth year.

NSSE scores were the strongest for relationships with faculty members, which saw higher numbers than our peer institutions and increased dramatically from freshmen to seniors. Overall, in all areas, we compared favorably or equally to our peer institutions.

Over time, comparing the most recent NSSE data to previous years, we found steady improvement or stabilization in all areas. The area of Supportive Campus Environment, saw the greatest improvements over this period

Departments are due to submit their Goal 4 assessment results and their plans to assess General Education Goal 3. Once that data is submitted, we will review assessment results to compile a comprehensive picture of graduates across the campus in all majors. Even departments not teaching specific Gen Ed courses will be required to submit an assessment report.

Meeting adjourned at 5:05.

Submitted by Stephanie Gonzales