

GECC Minutes 10/15/09

Present: Walter Roybal, Marty Jones, Margaret Doell, Stephanie Gonzales, Carol-Guerrero-Murphy, Danielle Smith

Meeting called to order shortly after 4:00 PM.

Review of minutes, update last week's minutes involving GE requirements in Nursing, Extended Studies (ES). , Agribusiness

Discussion was held about the Philosophy and Ethics classes offered to ES Students as additional options while they aren't options for on-campus students the committee wants to formally approve these classes as they currently stand as exceptions to the policy – we don't want an off-campus student to be slighted if they become an on-campus student and policies should be formally passed through GECC for general education classes. Exceptions that become the rule need to go through GECC to avoid disparities' in the policy.

Note: 2009 Gen. Ed. Web change needed – Eng 203 should be a GT AH1 but is listed as GT SSI.

State Mandates may have led to the changing of a previous year's general education curriculum without GECC approval.

We will need to involve Dr. Novotny with GECC to formalize a policy about the exceptions – Extended Studies general education to match on-campus general education curriculum– and to discuss Nursing general education curriculum. *Accreditation may have affected the Nursing general education curriculum requirements. The cap on the number of hours required for a degree may have also played a role with the set-up of the Nursing general education curriculum. We will need to invite Dr. Novotny to a meeting to discuss these items.

What kinds of structures are needed to be put in place to support students? *Dr. Jones will take a look at the data to confirm who the target students are according to the NSSE data.

HLC visit update: Margaret discussed that we were improving. One HLC representative was more concerned with the question "Do you feel there is shared governance with respect to? The other representative reviewed assessment in the morning visitation. HLC had access to review minutes – They should have an understanding of our progress as a campus.

The committee reviewed and discussed Erickson's alternate gen. ed. application. His proposed SLO's match closely to art appreciation – We will need to ensure we are provided a better narrative about cause for alternate gen. ed. applications in the future. Motion by Stephanie to approve alternate gen. ed. for Erickson's proposal, all in agreement, Carol will notify him.

Discussion was held about changing the gen. ed. matrix to across the top and on side for depts. Slo's and goals. The packets for alternate gen. ed. will go out with new matrix. Stephanie will distribute this matrix to department chairs.

As this was a pilot program, the last proposals for Alternate General Education courses will be fall 2010 for spring 2011. The number 194 needs be requested by depts. at time of course creation to be available for future 194/294 courses.*Brent the Chair of the Curriculum Review Committee will have

CRC pass through the alternate gen. ed. to Donna on a course change form. Some depts. weren't aware it needs to be added as a course change.

Carol proposed that GECC should always have someone on this committee with a statistics background. Margaret pointed out it might limit who could be on the committee – it was recommend that we consult someone with a statistics background as needed for the time being. Currently Stephanie has a statistics background.

Stephanie is going to work on the template we pass on for SLO'S –

Meeting adjourned shortly after 5 p.m. We will meet again Thursday, November 5, 2009.