

Adams State University

General Education Coordinating Committee Meeting

Minutes

Tuesday, October 23, 2012, 3:30 PM – BUS 239

Attendance: Armando Valdez (Chair), Karla Hardesty, Grace Young, Anicia Alvarez, and Beth Bonstetter.
Absent: Roger Eriksen and Christy Miller.

Discussion/Business:

Overview of GECC

Being the first meeting of the academic year with new committee members, Armando Valdez provided an overview of GECC.

Review of Gen Ed test results from AY 2011-12

The ACT CAAP exam was administered to 29 graduating seniors in April 2012, about 13% of the on-campus baccalaureate candidates. Karla will present an analysis and summary of 2011-12 test results at the next GECC meeting.

Guaranteed Transfer Credits

A situation of general education course substitution was brought before the committee. The general education science requirements for ASU's nursing programs differ from the standard general education course line up for Adams State AA/AS and BA/BS/BFA degree programs. Nursing students (both R.N.-to-B.S.N. and R.N.) must complete a total of 19 specific credits of 100- and 200-level science courses. If a nursing student changes their major to another degree program at ASU, some of the nursing "gen ed" science courses are not approved by some department chairs to meet the standard gen ed science requirements. Yet these same science courses would transfer into ASU as Guaranteed Transfer courses through Colorado's GT Pathways program to meet general education requirements if taken at other institutions. These former nursing students will have to complete and pay for an additional 4 to 8 credits of science to complete the gen ed science requirements. Armando will bring this course substitution concern to the attention of Faculty Senate.

Operations Manual for GECC

Armando asked the committee members to consider drafting and establishing an operations manual for GECC. He indicated there may be a stipend available for the extra work this entails. Karla said that some GECC processes are outlined in the current institutional academic assessment plan.

Potential Gen Ed Course Additions

Armando reported that Dr. George Backen expressed interest in pursuing addition of a philosophy course to the general education course requirements. Armando provided instructions for documentation and the approval process.

Old Business

Status of JOUR 255 general education proposal: still needs Faculty Senate review and is on the agenda.

Meeting adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Next Meeting: TBD

Minutes submitted by: Karla Hardesty