

General Education Committee

Minutes

March 7, 2007

4:00-5:00 p.m. - Nelson 104

Members in attendance: David Anderson, Elizabeth Birmingham, Michael Christoffers, Cierra Grondahl Robert Harrold, Catherine Haugen, RaNelle Ingalls, Virginia Clark Johnson, John Martin, Charlene Myhre, Larry Peterson, Robyne Williams

Not in attendance: Eric Asa, Jae Min Jung, Margaret Lee, Kristi Wold-McCormick

1. Minutes from February 21 were approved as emailed February 23, 2007.
2. Dr. Peterson asked for approved of the agenda and this was unanimously approved.
3. Dr. Peterson introduced Cierra Grondahl who is the new student representative.
4. There were no student petitions to be considered at this meeting.
5. The Committee agreed to send the first reminder for course reviews which were due in December and not received. The letter will be sent out before Spring break. The first reminder letter will be sent to the department chair and will not be cc'd to the Deans at this point. Dr. Peterson will get these reminders out.

6. Standing Committee Reports on course reviews:

Science and Technology, Wellness - This group met last Wednesday. The subcommittee will request amplification and additional information on HNES 111 and HPER 217. The committee approved this report unanimously.

Humanities, Fine Arts, Communications - Larry Peterson distributed a summary from this subcommittee. Three courses have been distributed electronically. HIST 271 requires revision of the syllabus as the syllabus does not explain how student activities address the general education outcomes and it also needs course credits. THEA 110 also needs the syllabus revised to comply with the General Education guidelines. ART 130 needs the syllabus revised and needs to provide evidence that students have the opportunity to revise their work. Once these revisions have been received, the courses will be presented to the Committee for approval. The report was unanimously accepted by the group.

Social and Behavioral Sciences, Quantitative Reasoning - RaNelle had no report from her group but will continue to work with them.

7. Ad Hoc Subcommittee Reports:

Dr. Peterson had previously sent out a draft version of the charge for the UNIV 189 task Force on 3/5/07. The committee suggested minor changes which are:

"Consider way to tailor the courses to meet the needs of particular groups of students, e.g., older than average, undecided, students with previous college experience, and transfer students." To be changed to "Consider ways to tailor the course or provide other alternatives to meet the needs of particular groups of students, e.g., older than average, undecided, students with previous college experience, and transfer students." Another change was suggested to "Examine to what extent parts of the course could be folded into orientation or offered as online modules." To become "Examine to what extent parts of the course could be folded into orientation, offered as online modules, etc."

8. Dr. Peterson gave a report to the group concerning the recent AACU Conference on General Education and Assessment which he attended in Miami March 1-3. He felt this was an excellent meeting and he will recommend to Dr. Schnell that more funding be provided for more people to attend meetings such as this. He distributed a handout containing several suggested books to read on assessment and speakers who were at the conference or who are excellent assessment resources.

He also suggested that perhaps a meeting be put together with other North Dakota campuses to look at assessment of General Education.

Bob Harrold mentioned the National Chamber of Commerce Report, the Nation's Report Card, and a previously noted report about liberal education which was available on line.

9. There was no new business and the meeting was adjourned.