

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS AMHERST
OFFICE OF THE FACULTY SENATE

AD HOC COMMITTEE ON GENERAL EDUCATION
REVISION AND IMPLEMENTATION (GERICO)

Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at 10:00 a.m.
Hampshire House 120

Minutes

Present: Maurianne Adams, Martha Stassen, Julie Hayes, John Jenkins, Brian O'Connor, Judy Goodenough, John McCarthy, Bryan Harvey, Carol Barr, John Lenzi, Ernie May

1. Approval of minutes of meeting of August 10, 2009.

Approved with some minor corrections and additions.

2. Confirmation of GERICO membership and leadership structure.

Confirmed with some tweaks. Anne Herrington and Judy Goodenough were added to the GERICO membership (subject to confirmation by the Rules Committee). Subcommittee chairs were identified and are listed below.

3. Subcommittee structure:

POLICY

Ernie May (Chair)

Bryan Harvey

John Cunningham

John Lenzi

Dori McCracken

John Jenkins

SUPPORT

Martha Stassen (Chair)

*Matt Ouellett**

*Fred Zinn**

Susan Bronstein

*Leslie Button**

*Judy Goodenough**

David Hart

COURSE APPROVALS

Maurianne Adams (Co-Chair)

Brian O'Connor

Carol Barr (Co-Chair)

John McCarthy

*Anne Herrington**

BUDGET

Rick Adrion

Bryan Harvey

John Cunningham

Ernie May

Julie Hayes (Chair)

Susan Pearson

4. Do we need a subcommittee on ComCol? Volunteers?

It was decided that a distinct subcommittee on ComCol was not needed at this time. The Policy Subcommittee will invite the Dean and another representative of ComCol to meet together soon to discuss the concerns which have been identified. Carol Barr—who is a member of GERICO and also on the ComCol

Curriculum Committee agreed to serve as a spokesperson for ComCol as appropriate.

5. Reports from the Subcommittees:

a) *Policy: Sen. Doc. No. 10-002—Ernie May*

Lively discussion ensued. After many improvements and tweaks, this document seems to be nearing its “final” form. Bryan Harvey and John McCarthy will get final language to Ernie May.

b) *Course Approval—Carol Barr, Martha Stassen*

The draft Course Approval form was presented. After a lively discussion, it was referred back to the subcommittee, with authorization from GERICO to go forward with implementation, following 24-hour email notice to the membership of GERICO.

c) *Support—Martha Stassen*

The subcommittee has had its first meeting and is exploring a wide range of activities. David Hart has been added to the membership.

d) *Budget*

Julie Hayes was identified as subcommittee Chair. The subcommittee will have its first meeting soon.

6. Other Business.

The date of the next meeting of the full GERICO was set for September 15, 2009, at 10:00am in Hampshire House 120. Coffee will be provided.

7. Adjournment