

Minutes

General Education Council
Friday, May 16, 2008

Attendance:

Maurianne Adams, Mokhtar Atallah, Ginger Etinde, David Fleming, Judy Goodenough, Gary Kamen, Randall Knoper, Mark Leckie, John Lenzi, Pamela Marsh-Williams, Dori McCracken, Amy Fleig, Constantinos Stivaro

Minutes:

The minutes of April 18, 2008 were passed by the Council.

General Education Task Force:

The April 24th and May 1st & 15th meetings were summarized, covering issues on the development of the website grid, mapping of survey responses for Fall '07 of juniors' and seniors' experience and TA allocation. They also discussed how the proposed structure for the Gened website seemed to map onto the goals statement. It was noted that in addition to allocation, Provost Seymour supports preparing TA's for future teaching goals.

It was reported that 47% of the faculty responded to the Gened Survey, with a favorable reply that was nearly unanimous.

Fellowes Program:

An update was shared concerning the Fellowes Program, which is hosted through the Center for Teaching. An event is scheduled for June 2nd through 12th. The program will hold up to fifty people, and so far, forty participants have registered. Twelve Fellowes will be chosen for the program and will be given several amenities, two of which are a laptop and TA stipend.

Diversity Grants:

There were 15 awardees selected from the pool of 19 applicants. Questions arose as to how well the diversity grants enhance diversity numbers, how many diversity courses become offered after the grants are awarded, and how many students are enrolled in those particular courses. Maurianne Adams agreed to write a letter in the name of the Council, to the previous grant awardees, ask them of the direct and indirect impact of the above inquiries, and then compile a chart with numbers for the Council.

Voting:

LINGUISTICS 390C/393B, "Sounds of Englishes" (SBU)	PASSED
LINGUISTICS 390/395, "Introduction to the Study of African American English" (SBU)	PASSED
BIOLOGY 131, "Quantitative Biology of the Cell" (BS)	PASSED

Linguistics 190/191A, "Language and Human Nature," was returned to the faculty member due to incomplete information. Randall Knoper will suggest to the instructor to either re-submit the proposal as an experimental course, then later request Gened designation, or to provide the necessary information now and resubmit it again in fall for Gened designation.

Gened Website:

There was a brief discussion of the progress on the Gened website. Amy noted that links would be added on the homepage in one or two areas, one of which would be entitled, "What are the Gened Requirements," which would serve as clarification for faculty and students. Modifications were made on the draft sheet by the Council

and Amy noted that a group of advisors would be selected to create section 1.2 on advisors. She will collect all paper and electronic versions of the Council's modifications on the draft, and will send out inquiries for assistance in development of the website over the summer.

General Education Reception

It was discussed that the proposed fall-semester Gened reception should include a summary of the GETF, a summary of the Gened website, a New Faculty orientation and a TA orientation.

Next Meeting: Friday September 19, 2008 at 2:30 PM, in the Chancellor's Board Room, 370 Whitmore.