

Minutes

General Education Council
Friday, April 15, 2005

Attendance:

Maurianne Adams, Mohktar Atallah, Gail Cruise, Alexandrina Deschamps, Ginger Etinde, Robert Faulkner, Judy Goodenough, Kevin Klement, Randall Knoper, Mark Leckie, Ernest May, John McCarthy, Dori McCracken, Lori Mestre

Minutes:

Minutes of February 18, 2005 were approved by the Council.

Discussion: Mohktar A. brought a report from the Academic Matters Council on the issue of General Education requirements for returning students. The report included the following motion:

“That the Faculty Senate confirms to the Registrar that students who were admitted when CORE requirements were in effect and who now return to the University to complete their bachelor’s degrees will be required to fulfill the same General Education requirements currently applied to all students entering the University as presented in Sen.Doc.No. _____.”

In light of objections received from UWW, John Mc. proposed a minor modification of the motion, deleting "now" and adding "after 2005" after "University". The motion, as amended, was accepted by the General Education Council.

VOTING:

Application of General Education Requirements to Returning Students	PASSED
Motion to remove BS Designation from NRC 212	PASSED
ENGLISH 117 Quintennial Review	PASSED
ENGLISH 368 Quintennial Review	PASSED
ENGLISH 369 Quintennial Review	PASSED

Other Action

English 204 Quintennial Review	Syllabus
EnvDes 205 Quintennial Review critical thinking	Needs more homework assignments &
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Biol 278 was submitted as a new proposal, but since this course was already approved last year, John Mc. will discuss the matter with the instructor.

Discussion of Diversity Proposal:

It was agreed that US Diversity courses should be no more than 30 people. Maurianne Adams stressed that class size is very important. She also mentioned that web based interaction between students is an option as well. Budgetary concerns were also addressed. The council suggested writing a response proposal on the topic of Incentive Grant, which would be a paragraph of how the GenEd Council will use the money when it is granted.

John McCarthy appointed a diversity subcommittee in response to the Chancellor's report. The members are:

Maurianne Adams, Chair
Dan Clawson
Gail Cruise
Alexandrina Deschamps
Ralph Faulkingham
Randall Knoper
Shelia Mammen

The Committee decided to use examples of good, successful syllabi on the GenEd website.

Next Meeting: Friday May 20, 2005 at the Chancellor's Board Room, 370 Whitmore.