

Minutes

General Education Council
Friday, October 17, 2008

Attendance:

Bruce Baird, Stephanie Chapko, John Cunningham, Alexandrina Deschamps, Isabel Espinal, Ginger Etinde, David Fleming, Judy Goodenough, Dan Gordon, Amanda Walker Johnson, Gary Kamen, Randall Knoper, Mark Leckie, Alan Lutenegger, Ernest May, Dori McCracken, Razvan Sibii, Adam Porter

Minutes:

A correction was made to the minutes. The second sentence under the Mass Transfer heading should read:

“He said that grads from community colleges with designated associate degrees would have the right to transfer up to 60 plus credits, and the general education requirements at the receiving institution would be satisfied.”

The minutes of September 19, 2008 were passed by the Council.

General Education Task Force:

Randall gave a brief discussion of the Task Force meeting held on 10/16/08. The major points that were discussed were: 1) the need to clarify the Gened goals; 2) to provide more opportunities for students to synthesize learning; 3) to make Gened more coherent by revising its curricula design; 4) to create more community among students; 5) to provide more support for instructors. Some other points of discussion included goals that would: improve course alignment and information literacy; improve college writing; encourage faculty to submit revisions for Gened goals, make clearer distinctions between general education requirements and the requirements for a particular major, and to create working groups.

Mass Transfer:

The Council deliberated over the two courses which would be required by the University as Gen Ed courses for transfer students. Due to the fact that non-diversity Gen Ed courses are usually complete with transfers, it was decided that two diversity courses (U or G) would be the university requirement. The entire council voted to pass this motion, with one abstention.

Q-Reviews:

All courses that do not have to be reviewed will be removed from the list and notices will be sent out for the remainder of the 64 Q-reviews. It was noted that all reviews are based on the same criteria as course approvals and they are also sorted by subcommittees; therefore, the same subcommittee that reviews courses will also review the Gen Ed course designated for that subcommittee. Randall will work on the renewal form and council distribution of Q-reviews, with possibly enlisting faculty outside the Gen Ed council to help with the Q-review process.

Voting:

PLSOILIN 190E, “Evolution Explained”	PASSED
LINGUIST 101, “People and Their Language	PASSED

Next Meeting: Friday November 21, 2008 at 2:30 PM, in the Chancellor’s Board Room, 370 Whitmore.