Minutes
General Education Council
Friday, February 25, 2011

Attendance:
Maurianne Adams, John Cunningham, Alexandrina Deschamps, Isabel Espinal, Ginger Etinde, David Fleming, Judy Goodenough, Patricia Gubitosi, Anne Herrington, Sarah Jenness, John Lenzi, Alan Lutenegger, Pamela Marsh-Williams, Dori McCracken, Matt Ouelette, Stuart Farber, Razvan Sibii, Martha Stassen, Reiko Sono

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The minutes of January 29, 2011 were PASSED by the Council.

Update on 2/3 Faculty Senate Mtg:
It was noted that the IE criteria was passed by the Faculty Senate. John Cunningham will send Deans and department chairs/heads the information on I.E. criteria and submission formats, once he receives the updated information. He will include with this mailing, the limitations on courses from major dept. and blanket waivers (for junior. transfers entering F’10 or S’11 with 57 credits or more). David Fleming raised a concern about maintenance of IE over time. He noted that ‘drift’ is a worry, and asked if there would be a point person in place to handle I.E. It was suggested that this would have to go through the Provost’s Office and that we may want to wait until I.E.’s are in full operation, to assess the needs. After then, decisions can be made as to where best to place attention to any special needs within I.E.

Davis Fellows
The Davis Fellows program will conduct student focus groups as part of the current year’s Davis Fellowships. In Fall 2011, college based and campus wide workshops will be scheduled in order to support departments and Schools/Colleges work on the IE. There will be a meeting next month to begin the call for applications for 2011-2012 in the hopes of completing the applications by the end of the semester. Martha said another goal will be to encourage ownership of GE learning objective among the faculty, one of the reasons being that there is strong faculty enthusiasm for content synthesis, but relatively low interest for integration. This challenge can be addressed over time, by building integration into earlier level GenEd courses.

Revised Draft of IE Submission Forms:
The Council made minor revisions to the current draft of the online I.E. course submission forms and procedures, based partly on feedback from the Davis Fellows as well as from Council members. This form will be used by CESD to provide an online form and procedure ready by April 1st. A question arose as to how the Registrar’s office will ‘code’ IE’s and Dori ensured that the code would be noted in the registrar chart fields that ask for criteria and be written in ‘non-registrar’ language for simplification.

Course Approvals:
History 297J, “Power & Violence in South Africa (HS&G) was PASSED contingent upon receipt of syllabus statement on GenEd status, designation and learning objectives.

GERICO Proposal on IE Funding:
Ernie May shared with the Council GERICO’s proposal for minimum and maximum IE allocations. Most faculty want reassurance by being assured of the range of money to expect, somewhere in the $100 minimum to $400 maximum range. Council members debated the issues of fairness, noting that some departments already teaching IE may not receive additional funding. John Cunningham will clarify expectations in future mailings to the faculty.
**I & SI Designations:**
Maurianne raised the issue of “unexpected consequences” for I’s and SI’s, possibly stemming from the reduction of GenEd requirements for which an I or SI might substitute. The registrar’s office will provide information for our March 25th meeting on current number of I’s & SI’s in the system, as well as trends in enrollments between F’09 and S ’11. John C. noted that many I’s were fulfilled in the SB courses and SI’s in Social World courses.

**Next Meeting:**  Friday, March 25, 2011 at 2:30 PM, in the Chancellor’s Board Room, 370 Whitmore.