Minutes
General Education Council
Friday, April 29, 2011

Attendance:
Maurianne Adams, Phillipe Baillarion, Martha Baker, Stephanie Chapko, John Cunningham, Andrew Eaton, Isabel Espinal, Ginger Etinde, Stuart Farber, David Fleming, Judy Goodenough, Steve Gencarella, Claire Hamilton, Ann Herrington, Sarah Jenness, Matt Ouellette, Ernie May, Dori McCracken, Evan Pleasant, Reiko Sono

Minutes:
A correction was made listing Dori McCracken instead of Stephanie Chapko, as the one who presented for the new “I” and “SI” Designation system. The Minutes as corrected were PASSED by the Council

“Common Read” Initiative:
David Fleming reported that as of now, all incoming freshman will read the same book before coming to campus. The book for designated reading is titled, “In Hope of the Unseen,” by Ron Suskind. He said there has been consideration of merging this reading with the dean’s speech in the future. Stephanie Chapko urged the Council to consider including transfers to this initiative in the future.

CHASS:
Ernie May gave a brief update on the development of CHASS. He said there will be a new proposal presented in the fall.

Davis Fellows:
Martha Stassen informed the Council that 7 new sets of fellows have been selected for the next academic year. She talked of the possibility of having the old and new fellows meet together for discussion and mentoring. The deadline for I.E. proposals is May 11.

Writing Committee:
Steve Gencarella reviewed the University Writing Committee’s authority to review and approve courses offered through the junior year writing program. He said that departments can submit courses to be counted for JYW; yet it is the University Writing Committee that will decide which courses will count. They are currently seeking to formulate a process for greater formal accountability through the UWC. He stressed that this is not ‘disciplinary’ as the campus has a great writing program. Steve confirmed that the UWC has the needed authority to determine request submission of JYW courses for quinquennial review. He also mentioned that the UWC is currently designing an online submission process for QQ’s.

UWW Courses:
Maurianne reported that GEC members had reviewed UWW 310, 320, 330 and 340 by email and that GERICO had approved 4th credit for each of these courses.

IE Proposals from PSIS:
Team Based Learning (TBL) classrooms were discussed within the IE proposal from Plant, Soil, Insect Science, as pilot classrooms with IT capacity for small group work. These are being installed in the Dubois Library and Goodell. The IE proposal is combines IE with TBL, with TBL and Davis fellowships for 2011-2012. Council members worried about the combined focus on TBL and IE as early as Fall 2011, and noted that the proposal was not sufficiently clear on criterion 1, “reflection.” GEC recommended that the IE proposal be revised and resubmitted as IE, or wait on resubmitting the proposal entirely until both the TBL and IE fellowships are underway. (See attachment.)
Voting:
QQ GEO-SCI 101, “The Earth” More clarification needed

GEO-SCI 103, “Intro to Oceanography” PASSED

POLISCI 111, “Comparative Politics” More clarification for Gen Ed needed and how course goals will be met, syllabus information needed for 4th credit, question about RAP and other sections.

CLASSICS 250, “Scientific & Medical Terminology” Specialized course, not sufficient evidence of “critical thinking” for a Gen Ed designation; must be revised and resubmitted as Gen Ed course.

NUTRITION 197A, “ST Nutrition, Weight & Fitness” Wait until Spring, when the AMC has passed on the permanent course number.

HONORS 392W, “Irish Writers & Cultural Context” Ask Honors to use experimental numbers rather than departmental seminar numbers for courses seeking a GenEd designation.

HONORS 291J, “Cross Cultural Preparation Seminar” (change from IG to SBG) Same as above.

HONORS 292S, IU to SBU Passed, with request that it be moved to an experimental number

May Meeting:
It was decided that the Council will have the final meeting on May 20th, 2011, rather than May 13th as originally scheduled. This final meeting will be an opportunity for the evaluation of new IE proposals submitted by this year’s Davis Fellows.

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