GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
February 26, 2010
Minutes
The General Education Council met on Friday, February 26, 2010 at 3:00 pm in room 1118 of Anne Belk Hall. Members present were: Dr. Jim Barnes, Dr. Joby Bell, Dr. Joe Gonzalez, Ms. Carter Hammett-McGarry, Dr. Gabrielle Katz, Dr. Sue Keefe, Dr. Rick Klima, Dr. Paulette Marty, Dr. Mike Mayfield, Ms. Kelly McBride, Dr. Tom McLaughlin, Dr. Georgia Rhoades, Mr. Peter Rowe, Dr. Elaine Gray, Dr. Dave Haney, Ms. Kristin Hyle, Ms. Tina Parlier, Mr. Nick Rudisill, Dr. Peter Wachs, and Ms. Lynne Waugh. Guests: Dr. Fred Whitt and Dr. Jeni Wyatt.

Members excused were: Dr. Terri Mitchell, Dr. Jim Toub, and Mr. Zach Grier.

Dr. Mike Mayfield called the meeting to order at 3:03 p.m.

MINUTES

1. The minutes of the January 29, 2010 General Education Council meeting were approved without changes.

   VOTE 1: YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

REPORTS FROM FCCs:

1. Fine Arts Designation:
   Committee recommends approval of the following course for the Fine Arts designation.

   MUS 2023 Music and Gender

   VOTE 2: YES: 13 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

   Recommendation approved.

2. Historical Studies designation:
   Committee recommends approval of the following courses for the Historical Studies designation, pending approval for perspective credit.

   HIS 1520 Patterns of Global History
   HIS 1525 Problems in Global History

   VOTE 3: YES: 12 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1

   Recommendation approved.
3. **Writing in the Discipline:**
   Committee recommends approval of the following courses for Writing in the Discipline credit.

   NUT 4200 Advanced Nutrition I  
   PLN 3431 Planning Techniques  

   VOTE 4:  YES: 12  NO: 0  ABSTAIN: 1  
   **Recommendation approved.**

4. **Capstone:**
   Committee recommends approval of the following courses for Capstone credit.

   BIO 4519 Biology Honors Thesis  
   NUT 4900 Internship  

   VOTE 5:  YES: 12  NO: 0  ABSTAIN: 1  
   **Recommendation approved.**

5. **RN to BSN Requirements:**
   Dr. Fred Whitt, dean of the College of Health Sciences and Allied Professions, presented a proposal regarding the RN to BSN extension program. The proposal would allow RN to BSN students to count a 44 hour core which is similar to the North Carolina community college core requirements to count for meeting General Education requirements. RN to BSN students are in off-campus programs. One major difference is that these students will use a two class sequence in Anatomy and Physiology to meet the Science Inquiry requirement. Dr. Katz noted that the Science Inquiry FCC has recommended approval of this exception. The proposed “ASU 44 hour core for RN to BSN students” would be effective through Spring 2014 only.

   VOTE 6:  YES: 11  NO: 0  ABSTAIN: 2  
   **Recommendation approved.**

6. **Transition Plan for ASU Native BSN Students:**
   Dr. Fred Whitt presented a proposal regarding the new 4-year BSN program offered at Appalachian. Students entering the nursing program this summer have to be a junior to be admitted, meaning this year’s entering class has completed two years of coursework on the Core Curriculum system. Students adopting a new degree program change to the catalog year when that degree program started, so all BSN students would need to
complete the General Education program. The transition plan would allow students entering the BSN program in Summer 2010 and Summer 2011 to follow the curriculum which was in force the year they entered Appalachian.

VOTE 7: YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0
Recommendation approved.

7. **MUS 2611, 2612, and 3611:**

There was considerable discussion about the courses MUS 2611, 2612, and 3611. All three courses were proposed and approved by the appropriate FCCs for both the Fine Arts designation and the Historical Studies designation. Discussion centered around: whether the guidelines set forth by the General Education Task Force allow a single course to carry two designations; if it is realistic to expect a single course to be able to fulfill the criteria of two designations on top of the perspective criteria; and whether it would be appropriate to set a precedent that allows a music history course to count as a student’s only Historical Studies course. Dr. Bell excused himself to confer with his colleagues in the School of Music to find out which designation they would prefer. The Council agreed by consensus to come back to this proposal later in the meeting (now). Dr. Bell reported back that their preference would be to seek the Historical Studies designation.

Committee recommends approval of the following courses for the Historical Studies designation.

MUS 2611 Music History and Style I  
MUS 2612 Music History and Style II  
MUS 3611 Music History and Style III

VOTE 8: YES 9 NO 3 ABSTAIN 1
Recommendation approved.

8. **Quantitative Literacy:**
Committee recommends approval of the following course for Quantitative Literacy credit.

ECO 2100 Business and Economic Statistics I

VOTE 9: YES 13 NO 0 ABSTAIN 0

Recommendation approved.
9. **Quantitative Literacy:**
Committee does not recommend continuation of the policy that allows students who transfer a 3 hour math and CIS 110, both taken at a North Carolina community college, to count as meeting the Quantitative Literacy requirement. The course CIS 110 teaches students how to use a computer, not quantitative concepts. A member expressed concern that representatives of the community college system need to be aware that this policy is changing and what the effective date is. Dr. Klima said that he felt his committee would find it acceptable to continue for one more year to give time to more fully communicate the policy change, so a firm end date of Second Summer 2011 was agreed upon.

Continue policy that allows students to transfer a 3 hour math and CIS 110, both taken at a North Carolina community college to count as meeting the Quantitative Literacy requirement through Summer 2011.

VOTE 10:  YES 12   NO 0   ABSTAIN 1

**Recommendation approved.**

10. **Local to Global Perspective:**
*Regions in Global Context theme*
Committee recommends approval of the following courses for the Regions in Global Context theme.

HIS 1520 Patterns of Global History
HIS 1525 Problems in Global History

VOTE 11:  YES 13   NO 0   ABSTAIN 0

**Recommendation approved.**

11. **Writing in the Discipline:**
Committee recommends approval of the following course for Writing in the Discipline credit.

G S 4404 The Meaning and Nature of Science

VOTE 12:  YES 12   NO 0   ABSTAIN 0

**Recommendation approved.**

12. **Capstone:**
Committee recommends approval of the following course for Capstone credit.

HCM 4950 Seminar in Health Care Management

VOTE 13:  YES 12   NO 0   ABSTAIN 0

**Recommendation approved.**
OTHER BUSINESS

1. Assessment

Bare minimum for participation in General Education is to show on the syllabus where a class fits into the curriculum.

2. Ideas for future discussions
   Number of courses in themes
   Number of themes in perspectives
   Transfer policies

3. Adjournment at 5:00 p.m.
   VOTE 14: YES 12    NO 0    ABSTAIN 0