GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
October 21, 2011
Minutes

The General Education Council met for its regular meeting on Friday, October 21, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1118 Anne Belk Hall. Voting members present: Dr. Phillip Ardoin, Dr. Michael Behrent, Dr. Joby Bell, Dr. Michael Krenn, Dr. Paulette Marty, Ms. Kelly McBride, Ms. Alexandria McPherson, Dr. Joel Sanqui, Mr. Kyle Schermbeck, Dr. Laurie Semmes, Dr. Ray Williams. Non-voting members present were: Dr. Elaine Gray, Ms. Kristin Hyle, Dr. Mike Mayfield, Ms. Jenny Primm, Ms. Lynne Waugh, Ms. Sheryl Mohn (scribe).
Guests present were: Dr. Sherry Hart.
Voting members excused: Dr. Marie Hoepfl, Dr. Terri Mitchell, Dr. David Orvis, Dr. Georgia Rhoades.

Dr. Marty called the meeting to order at 3:05 when a quorum was reached.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/DISCUSSION ITEMS:
New members were introduced and welcomed.

Dr. Marty updated members on the following items:
In a meeting with the Theme Coordinators, they indicated a desire to meet the members of the FCCs in a social setting. We are planning a reception one evening during Thanksgiving week. Details to follow.

Dr. Marty met with Alexandria McPherson to discuss ideas of ways to get feedback about General Education from students. A two question survey has been created: Question 1 – What is driving theme enrollment? Rank factors: Interest in topic; designators; AP credit; transfer credit; requirements of major; course availability; advisor input; student recommendation (word of mouth). Question 2 – Were there any courses or themes that you wanted to take but couldn’t? Methods for getting these to students were discussed. Survey will be revised and sent to Council members for feedback, then will be pilot tested before wide distribution.

Dr. Gray opened discussion about the Gen Ed assessment reports from Fall 2011. (Reports are posted on the Council AsULearn site.) The action steps recommended by the Gen Ed leadership team were reviewed and discussed. Members were asked review the reports and action step recommendations in depth between now and the November meeting and be prepared to vote on the action steps.

ACTION ITEMS:
Approval of September 2011 Minutes:
A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the September 2011 meeting as written.

VOTE 1: YES: 11 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 1
Motion carried.

Recommendations from FCCs:
Fine Arts Designation for the following courses – effective Fall 2012
DAN 2020 – World Dance
DAN 3430 – Dance History
THR 2017 – Theatre for Social Change
THR 2020 – World Culture and Performance Studies

VOTE 2: YES: 9 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Submitted by,
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