General Education Council
Minutes of Meeting held on December 9, 2011

The General Education Council met for its regular meeting on Friday, December 9, 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. Marie Hoepfl, Dr. Michael Krenn, Dr. Paulette Marty, Ms. Kelly McBride, Ms. Alexandria McPherson, Dr. Georgia Rhoades, Dr. Joel Sanqui, Mr. Kyle Schermbeck, Dr. Laurie Semmes, Dr. Ray Williams.

Non-voting members present were: Dr. Elaine Gray, Ms. Kristin Hyle, Ms. Angela Mead, Dr. Mike Mayfield, Ms. Jenny Primm, Ms. Sheryl Mohn (scribe).

Guests present were: Dr. Paul Gaskill, Dr. Angela Losardo, Dr. Susan Roggenkamp, Dr. Steve Seagle, Dr. Dru Henson.

Voting members excused: Dr. Terri Mitchell, Dr. David Orvis

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

The following items were submitted for vote by the Council:

GEC Minutes of October 21, 2011 meeting.

VOTE 1: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Minutes approved as written.

Wellness Literacy:
PE 1733 Mountain Biking
PE 1734 Intermediate Mountain Biking
PE 1752 Intermediate Yoga
PE 1759 Indoor Cycling
PE 1791 Intermediate Basketball
FCC is recommending approval of Wellness Literacy credit, effective Fall 2012.

VOTE 2: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Credit approved.

Historical & Social Perspective:
War in Europe theme
SOC 3800 Sociology of War
HIS 3535 War and Society in Germany
FL/HIS/SOC 3530 Wars of our Fathers: Encountering & Interpreting Armed Conflict in Europe
FCC is recommending recertification of General Education credit, effective for Summer 2012 only (by arrangement with the Office of the Registrar).

VOTE: 3: Yes: 13 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Theme recertification approved, Summer 2012 only.
Writing in the Discipline (WID):
WAC Committee is recommending approval of adding the WID credit to these courses, effective Fall 2012:
BIO 3313  Global Change Ecology  (Prerequisite: ENG 2001 or its equivalent)
BIO 3315  Conservation Biology (Prerequisite: ENG 2001 or its equivalent)
VOTE 4:  Yes:  13  No:  0  Abstain:  0
Credit approved.

WAC Committee is recommending approval of deleting the WID credit to this course, effective Fall 2012:
CSD 3366 Communication Development
And adding the WID credit to the following course, effective Fall 2012:
CSD 3350 Evaluating Research in Communication Sciences and Disorders (Prerequisite: ENG 2001 or its equivalent.)
VOTE 5:  Yes:  13  No:  0  Abstain:  0
Credit deletion for CSD 3366 and addition for CSD 3350 approved.

Senior Capstone
General Education Program is recommending approval of the Senior Capstone credit to this course, effective Fall 2012:
BIO 4575 Ecotoxicology
VOTE 6:  Yes:  13  No:  0  Abstain:  0
Designation approved.

General Education Program is recommending approval of deleting the Senior Capstone credit on this course, effective Fall 2012:
CSD 4864/4865 Intervention Processes in Communication Disorders
And adding the Senior Capstone credit to the following course, effective Fall 2012:
CSD 4850 Adult Language Disorders
VOTE 7:  Yes:  13  No:  0  Abstain:  0
Credit deletion and addition approved.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Designation without Gen Ed credit on a course? Dr. Marty brought up a matter for consideration. The question has come up that if a course is not approved as a Gen Ed credit course but meets designation requirements (ie., FA) can it carry the FA designation? Dr. Marty asked members to consider this and send thoughts/ideas to her. GEC will discuss in depth at a later date.

Assessment Action Plan: Based on feedback, Dr. Marty and Dr. Gray have made significant revisions to the recommended steps presented at the October meeting. Discussion of the revisions was held.

IRAP Learning Outcomes Survey (Fall 2010 & Spring 2011): It was recommended that the FCCs meet with the Theme Coordinators and discuss the results and include anyone teaching in the theme who would like to be a part of the discussion.
Assessment Update to Campus: Dr. Marty distributed a draft update to be emailed to the campus. After giving time for members to review, she opened the floor for discussion. Some points provided through feedback were: Include WID course assessment; Shorten the report – possibly achieve by restructuring sentences, emphasizing results rather than who did it, removing all the web address links and hyperlink the text itself.

Learning Outcomes Survey: Dr. Marty opened the floor for discussion/feedback on the latest version of the survey. Dr. Gray and Dr. Marty have put in many hours revising the content and style, based on feedback already received. The Provost has agreed to put her name on the survey, which should help with participation. Suggestions made were: change from “anonymous” to “confidential”, as there are several instances of only one section of a course; add column for “Not Sure or Don’t Know How This Applies to My Class”; rearrange the blocks – create four versions with questions re-arranged.; eliminate open response box (Question 3); field test to a small group; it was pointed out that the sciences will have labs and lecture with different instructors, so one can’t answer all the questions about the other – same situation with Math 1025. Dr. Marty thanked the members – will take all feedback into consideration. Hope to have the survey ready to go out before semester’s end.

Assessment Action Steps: Dr. Marty asked members to ratify the action steps as listed in the materials posted prior to the meeting. Motion was made and seconded for ratification.

VOTE 8: Yes: 12 No: 0 Abstain: 0
Action steps ratified.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Submitted by,

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Scribe