GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
April 16, 2010
CORRECTED Minutes

The General Education Council met for its final meeting of the 2009-2010 academic year on Friday, April 16, 2010 at 3:00 pm in room 1118 of Anne Belk Hall. Members present were: Dr. Jim Barnes, Dr. Joby Bell, Dr. Joe Gonzales, Ms. Carter Hammett-McGarry, Dr. Sue Keefe, Dr. Rick Klima, Dr. Paulette Marty, Ms. Kelly McBride, Dr. Tom McLaughlin, Dr. Georgia Rhoades, Dr. Jim Toub, Dr. Dave Haney, Dr. Pete Wachs, Dr. Elaine Gray, Dr. Leslie Jones, Ms. Lynne Waugh, Ms. Tina Parlier, Dr. Peter Wachs, Ms. Kristin Hyle, Ms. Sheryl Mohn (Scribe).

Guest: Dr. Steve Hageman; Mr. David Huntley

Members excused: Dr. Mike Mayfield, Dr. Terri Mitchell, Mr. Zach Grier, Mr. Peter Rowe, Mr. Delvon Blue.

Dr. Paulette Marty presided in Dr. Mayfield’s absence and called the meeting to order when a quorum was reached at 3:10 pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS FROM MARCH 26 MEETING:
NUMBER OF COURSES IN THEMES AND NUMBER OF THEMES IN PERSPECTIVES:
Dr. Marty began discussion of this item. Pros and cons were discussed: Too many themes could mean a move back toward the “menu model” – more difficult to achieve integration. Dr. Haney pointed out that there is no limit to the number of themes in a perspective, but there is a recommended limit to the number of courses within a theme. Dr. Toub pointed out that an upside of not limiting the number of courses is the flexibility to deal with the changing numbers of students in some classes (ex., PSY 1200 has 1500 students). The point was made that if a good integration plan is in place, then integration occurs at the student and faculty level – it shouldn’t matter if there are more courses within a theme. Questions raised were: Do we have enough information yet to make a decision on a rule or do we need to remain flexible? Council agreed they would like consensus reached today with the goal of establishing written policy in Fall 2010. Ms. Hammett-McGarry reminded members that our starting point should be asking if the course/s being considered are truly general education courses available to all students (as opposed to courses for the majors). She commended the departments on how far along we are with the General Education process. Amazing progress has been made. Ms. Hammett-McGarry and Dr. Mayfield will be meeting with the FCC regarding feedback from students and advisors now that we’ve been through two registration cycles. Dr. Jones asked about the future of AP courses.

Dr. Marty brought discussion to a close and it was agreed that the Council has not reached consensus today on the number of courses that should be allowed per theme. The perspectives Executive Committee will meet and discuss further and will bring a draft proposal to the Council in the fall.
NEW BUSINESS:

Approval of March 26, 2010 Minutes:
A motion was made and seconded that the March 26, 2010 Minutes be approved as written.

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

REPORTS FROM FCCs:

1. Historical and Social Perspective:
   Cultural Diversity Theme:
   Dr. Barnes made a motion, which was properly seconded, to allow an exception to the “seven course rule” in the Cultural Diversity Theme and approve ART 2011 for inclusion into this theme. Effective Spring 2011.

   VOTE 2: YES: 11 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
   Motion carried.

2. Historical and Social Perspective:
   Understanding Culture Through Social Practice Theme:
   FCC is recommending approval of package of Watauga Global Community tangents courses within this theme, with the stipulation that the syllabi will be completed and will be more detailed. David Huntley reported that he has met with the faculty involved in teaching these courses and this syllabi work will be done.
   Course titles:
   Multicultural Awareness and Travel Etiquette
   Men at Work
   Shotokan Karate-Do
   Italian Language & Culture
   Myth and Meaning
   The Millennial Generation: Past, Present & Future
   Italian Masterpieces

   VOTE 3: YES: 11 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
   Recommendation approved.

3. Second Year Writing:
   WGC 2001 Tangents – requesting Second Year Writing designation for this course. Dr. Rhoades reported that this course is not yet ready for a vote. Dr. Rhoades is working with Leigh Ann Henion, who will be teaching the course. Discussion was held as to the validity of the need for WGC 2001 course given the breadth and depth of ENG 2001. It was stated that WGC curriculum has specific progression through the entire experience, so it is relevant to keep WGC 2001. The goal is to be ready to request a vote in the fall.
4. **Aesthetic Perspective:**

   *Creative Expression Through Culture* Theme: Package of WGC Tangents:
   FCC is recommending approval of package of Watauga Global Community tangents within this theme, with the stipulation that more complete and detailed syllabi be written which include the General Education outcomes.

   **Course titles:**
   - Savannah: Identity and Art
   - Poetry/Workshop as Creative Expression
   - Eco-Art and Healing
   - Masterpieces of Art, Theatre, Literature, and Religion in Latin America
   - Gaia and the Garden
   - The Art of Capoeira
   - The Counterculture of the Fifties, Sixties, & Seventies: The Beats and Their Progeny

   **VOTE 4:**
   - YES: 11
   - NO: 0
   - ABSTAIN: 0

   **Recommendation approved.**

5. **Literary Studies Designation for WGC Tangents**

   Requesting Literary Studies Designation for the following:
   - Myth and Meaning
   - Poetry Workshop
   - The Counterculture of the Fifties, Sixties, and Seventies

   **VOTE 5:**
   - YES: 11
   - NO: 0
   - ABSTAIN: 0

   **Designation approved.**

**CONTINUATION OF POLICY FOR RETURNING STUDENTS:**

Dr. McLaughlin made a motion, which was seconded by Dr. Barnes, that we continue the policy to allow students returning to Appalachian having completed Core Curriculum to be exempt from General Education until further notice.

   **VOTE 6:**
   - YES: 11
   - NO: 0
   - ABSTAIN: 0

   **Motion carried.**

**THEME COORDINATORS:**

Dr. Gray distributed a list of the themes and the coordinators asking Council members to check it over and email Sheryl Mohn (mohnsc) before the end of the month with any changes and additions. There are still several themes that do not yet have a coordinator assigned to them.

Ms. Hammett-McGarry recognized Dr. Haney, who will be leaving us in June. She thanked him for his advice and encouragement and support. This Council’s existence is due to Dr. Haney’s
willingness to shepherd us through this process. Dr. Haney is wished all success and happiness in the next chapter of his life. Dr. Haney thanked Ms. Hammett-McGarry and everyone for their good wishes and support. He stated that during his time here at ASU, he is most proud of this work – **the General Education Task Force and this Council have achieved something great for students!** Dr. Haney stated he leaves with great confidence that this work will continue under the leadership of Ms. Hammett-McGarry, Dr. Mayfield and this Council.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:20 pm.

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