The General Education Council met for its regular meeting on Friday, February 18, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 1118 Anne Belk Hall. Voting members present: Dr. Joseph Gonzalez, Ms. Carter Hammett-McGarry, Dr. Paulette Marty, Ms. Kelly McBride, Dr. Laurie Semmes, Dr. Marilyn Smith, Ms. Carol Soule’, Dr. John Stephenson. Non-voting members present were: Dr. Elaine Gray, Ms. Kristin Hyle, Dr. Mike Mayfield, Ms. Jenny Primm, Dr. Pete Wachs, Ms. Sheryl Mohn (scribe).
Guests present were: Ms. Dawn Bare, Dr. Sherry Hart, Dr. Paul Gaskill, Dr. Eric Frauman, Dr. Ann Viles, Ms. Angela Mead.

Dr. Elaine Gray and Dr. Pete Wachs gave an update on General Education assessment. Detailed reports are available on the Council AsULearn site. Based on results, the following action steps will be implemented:
1. Adjust the rubrics
2. Adjust assignments to better align with General Education learning outcomes.
3. Develop and test methods/instruments appropriate for assessing Science Inquiry and Quantitative Literacy components.

It was noted that the FCCs will not be asked to work on a customized summary to target to relevant areas as previously discussed.

**ACTION ITEMS:**

**General Education Information Literacy Proposal:**
Dr. Marty called the meeting to order at 3:15 when a quorum was reached. A proposal from the Information Literacy ad hoc committee was presented by Dr. Ann Viles and Dr. Sherry Hart (see document on A U Learn site). The committee recommends to the Council that the proposal be approved.

VOTE 1: YES: 9 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

**Approval of January 2011 Minutes:**
A motion was made and seconded to approve the Minutes from the January 2011 meeting.

VOTE 2: YES: 9 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried.

**Motions from FCCs:**
1. **Local to Global Perspective**
   *Regions in Global Context Theme:*
   RM 2140: Natural Resources: Becoming an Informed Citizen
   FCC is recommending approval of this course. Dr. Paul Gaskill and Dr. Eric Frauman were present to answer questions. It was noted that AP&P approved this course on 2/9/11. It will be offered in Fall 2011, but due to the policy passed by AP&P, the General Education credit will be not effective until Fall 2012.

   VOTE 3: YES: 9 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
   Course approved for Fall 2012 effective date.

2. **Writing in the Discipline:**
   MUS 2420: Music Merchandising & Entrepreneurship
   WAC Committee is recommending approval of this course for WID, effective Fall 2012. The following statement will be added to the course description: “Prerequisite: ENG 2001 or its equivalent.”

   VOTE 4: YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Dr. Marty reminded FCCs to be intentional in communication with departments about proposal effective dates. Also reminded members that December 15th is the final deadline for Fall 2012 effective actions, as they would be considered at the January meeting. The preferred deadline is November 15th so that proposals could be considered at the December meeting with time for additional work, if needed, for reconsideration at the January meeting.

Dr. Marty also asked members to ask faculty what type of faculty development would be most helpful and meaningful for them. Perspective FCCs, meet with Theme Coordinators in your perspectives to ask what resources would be helpful. Connect the FCCs and Theme Coordinators – Dr. Marty will send a follow up email to FCC chairs. Please be prepared to report at the April 15th GEC meeting.

Dr. Marty asked members to consider good candidates for nomination to the Faculty Senate to serve on FCCs. Dr. Marty will send an email out to members listing who is rotating off the FCCs.

Next Council meeting will be March 18, 2011.

Adjourned at 4:10 p.m.

Submitted by,
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