

AC/GECC Combined Meeting
November 3, 2008
Library Room 302
4:00 PM – 5:30PM

Those present: Dr. Stephen Aldrich, Dr. Benita Brink, Dr. Ed Crowther, Dr. Juan Gonzalez, Dr. Carol Guerrero-Murphy, Dr. Mark Joyce, Dr. Kurt Keiser, Dr. Christine Keitges, Dr. Kim Kelso, Dr. Michael Martin, Dr. Matt Nehring, Dr. Frank Novotny, Professor Dana Provence, Professor Eugene Schilling, Ms. Danielle Smith, and Dr. Diana Wenzel

Absent: Dr. Tony Laker, Dr. Aida Sahud, and Dr. Susan Varhely

Announcements: Dr. Novotny passed out a handout for an online seminar titled “Assessing Student Learning: 2008” and opened it to all faculty. Dr. Novotny asked chairs to e-mail him names of those interested in attending within the next couple of days.

There were positive responses from chairs and with GECC’s approval of the change in wording in Area IV on the Gen. Ed. Plan the revised Gen. Ed. Plan will go into effect Spring 09 term. The previous wording read “At least one course but no more than two may be a HGP/HIST course”. The revised wording reads “At least one course must have either an HGP or HIST prefix but no more than a total of two courses can have HGP or HIST prefixes”.

Action Items:

Approval of October 20, 2008 Minutes

Minutes were approved with one correction.

Discussion Items:

“Academic Plan for Assessment” document

The GECC and AC combined meeting was held so members could work together and come to an agreement on the “Plan for Assessment of Student Learning: An Academic Assessment Plan” document wording and meaning. Dr. Nehring provided through e-mail a copy of the “Academic Master Plan” and the “Plan for Assessment of Student Learning” to each chair and GECC member prior to the meeting for their review. Dr. Nehring went through the relevant proposed changes made by the committee. Following a very productive discussion it was agreed that joint meetings would be beneficial. Dr. Novotny will send GECC members the full NSSE report. It was mentioned that joint meetings could take place early in the fall semester and perhaps there could be an add on to the 1st AC meeting of the academic year. It was also suggested that on next year’s “Day of Reflection” one or two hours could be used to hold joint meetings. It was agreed that the “Performance Outcomes” should be added to the “Plan for Assessment of Student Learning”. The committee will do some polishing and send out the document to the group for their comments and then present the draft document to FS.

Area II Gen. Ed.

This discussion focused on Gen. Ed. Area IV rather than Area II and after the discussion it was decided that the AC would submit the same proposal as last year which proposed to increase the Gen. Ed. total hours back up to thirty-eight. This would increase area IV by three credit hours. Professor Provence felt that GECC did not have the full picture and suggested that someone from AC frame the proposal. GECC

will invite chairs to attend their meeting when they look at the proposal. If approved by GECC then it would go to a faculty vote.

At this point the meeting was open to chairs to share informational items from their respective areas.

The meeting adjourned at 5:31PM
Respectfully submitted by,
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