General Education Committee Meeting
Minutes
October 19, 2004

Approved: ( Approved (email) )

Minutes from the 9/28/2004 meeting were approved.

Discussions began by finalizing model’s one and two. Pat Arneson discussed the need to change model one by rewriting the philosophy and goals, and reminding all of us that disciplines will need to discuss and modify the objectives in this model. There was also some discussion concerning the procedure the group will need to follow after a model is refined and we need to remember that the Academic Policies committee will review the results based on their criteria.

Model one discussion continues with a change to the Social and Behavior Science section changing the hours to a range of 13 – 15 and adding the word “Honors” behind the History 220 course listing. This started a discussion on Honor’s courses versus General Education courses. Since History 220 is the only course affected, it was decided to simple denote its Honors status in model one.

A reminder concerning campus input was discussed. As the model’s are processed, it’s up to all of us to remind the reviewers that we need their input on the narratives as well as specifying other courses that could potentially fill in for existing selections. These models are not final products, input from all stakeholders across campus will be encouraged and much of the finalized language will be addressed when all input has been collected and a final model chosen and refined.

The model one discussion continued with a debate as to whether current changes need to be modified now or after campus input. A motion was made by Jean Karlen to keep the model intact for the present time. A second was made and a majority vote decided that model one remains with its present changes until further campus input requires a revisit of this model.

Model two was revisited at this time. One correction was made from previous minutes stating that the group had decided to add the hours back into the model. With this noted the discussion moved forward to model three.

Pat Arneson and Jans Dinsmore described the data used to develop model number three. They talked about the information provided by student and faculty surveys last year that lead to the changes inscribed into model three. The courses listed, at this point, are just examples to provide for future interpretation of which present courses may fit into each category. Lori read Marian’s email that provided her feedback of model three. She worried about the lack of Communication’s as a major topic and about the differences in the three models as far as assessment information.

After some discussions it was decided that there is a need for an additional objective. Objective 3 should be split into two separate objectives that would allow for a more flexible plan. It was also decided that we should look over this model for a couple of weeks before we finalize specifics. Jan and Pat will return with a changed model and final revisions will be made at our 11/2/2004 meeting. This time will not affect our timeline. We will continue with the plan to distribute a final copy of each model to the campus the second week in November.

A motion was made to adjourn. A second was made and the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Next meeting is set for 11/2/2004 at 4:45 pm in PV Library.

GEC Minutes
Committee Members Present:
Jan Dinsmore: EDC/efl
Donovan Conley: NSS/hhps
Fay Jackson: EDC/sec
Gwen Jensen: AHU/com
Jean Karlen: NSS/specj
John Renzelman: BST/tas
Lori Nicholson: BST/ctis
Patricia Arneson: BST/busecon
Katja Hawlitschka: AHU/langlit
Linda Christensen: AHU/mus
Paul Karr: NSS/mps
Judith Berry: AHU/art

Committee members absent:
Sharon Thomas: NSS/hispg
Marian Borgmann-Ingwersen: NSS/lsci
Jeff Bauer: NSS/mps (sent sub)