

MINUTES

General Education Council,
3:30 November 3, 2011, Grove Hall 201

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Hamblin at 3:33 pm in GH 201. Attendance at the meeting included: M. Moilanen, C. Sipes, L. Cella, J. Edwards, D. Godshalk, W. Kingsley, M. Ramsey, A. Morana, P. Peet, B. Finucane, A. Feeney, C. Botteron, C. Bertram, A. Seibert, D. Cornelius, K. Lorenz, E. Nollenberger, A. Predecki, D. Girard, J. Hamblin, R. Setaputra, S. Morrisette, S. Paulson, J. Clements, D. Johnson, M. Schultz, K. Moll, W. Crawley.
- II. Dr. Nollenberger motioned, and Bertram seconded the motion to approve the October 6, 2011 minutes. It passed unanimously.
- III. Report from Dr. Botteron from UCC focused on the proposal from the Biology department (UCC 11-27). It is currently an existing gen-ed course but they would like to put in online during winter 2011 J-term. This is an expedited proposal where the individual is guaranteed a reply within 30 days. Such expedited proposals only occur occasionally and usually involve only minor changes. Currently it is up to the departments to decide when and what courses go online, and the Biology department justified the proposal with pedagogical examples and explanations of how the course was to be properly taught online by an adjunct, along with the claim that the course is in high demand and the current tenured faculty have difficulty offering the regular-scheduled number of sections. The proposal was passed by UCC.
 - a. The discussion arose as to the interesting issues that developed due to this proposal. Proposal should go to GEC first and then to UCC, but due to the expedited nature of this proposal and the calendar where UCC meets on the first Tuesday of the month, while GEC meets on the first Thursday of the month it did not. It was put forth that a policy may need to be created.
 - b. The discussion also pertained to the concerns of adjuncts teaching online courses. Do they receive the same intense 5-week training program, and if so, who pays for that, if the adjunct then goes elsewhere. Also, if the demand is so great for the course, why is there not a permanent position?
 - c. Discussions also arose to the tensions that are occurring in and between some departments that allow online teaching versus those that do not. It can create a FTE-stress.
 - d. Dr. Kingsley made a motion, that was seconded by K. Moll to make a vote. The committee voted with 9 in favor to approve and 9 opposed the UCC proposal, and thus the motion failed.
 - e. Dr. Cornelius, seconded by L. Cella, motioned that J. Hamblin go to the Forum and express some of the concerns raised by this proposal. It was also suggested that the proposal go back to UCC with the recommendation that

their approval is contingent upon GEC approval. The committee voted in favor of this motion.

- IV. Dr. Clements reported from the Ad-Hoc Rules Committee,
 - a. Report on the changes of section III of bylaws A and B. There was no discussion and a clear majority vote to pass.
 - b. Report to approve section VI-Amendments A and B, and clear majority voted to approve.
 - c. After the passing of these, there was the ability to create these committees and a sign-up sheet was passed around.

- V. Dr. Clements reported on the Ad-Hoc Rules Committee to
 - a. Section IV of the Bylaws-there was no discussion and a clear majority vote to support.
 - b. Section V of the Bylaws-no discussion and a clear majority vote to support.

- VI. New Business- J. Hamblin reported that the GEC website was up and running at ship.edu/gec. Dr. J. Edwards motioned, and seconded by S. Morrisette, for J. Hamlin to take liberty to put GEC related topics online. Minutes can be placed online prior to approve, membership, calendar of meeting and Ad-Hoc meeting dates, possible grant requests, examples of successful courses and activities, student resources, and long-term goals. The motion passed by majority.

- VII. Motion to adjourn was made by D. Cornelius and seconded by S. Morrisette and passed. Meeting adjourned at 4:16

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison E. Feeney