

## MINUTES

General Education Council,  
3:30 February 2, 2012, 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, W. Kingsley, A. Morana, B. Finucane, S. Drzyzga, A. Feeney, C. Botteron, C. Bertram, A. Seibert, K. Lorenz, E. Nollenberger, A. Predecki, D. Girard, J. Hamblin, W. Crawley, A. Cresswell, R. Setaputra, S. Morrisette, L. Patterson, S. Paulson, J. Clements, K. Johnson, S. Harrow, J. Mike, M. Schultz, and K. Moll.
- II. Dr. Nollenberger motioned, seconded by S. Morrisette, to approve the December 1, 2011 minutes. There was no discussion and it passed unanimously.
- III. Report from UCC-Dr. Botteron reported that UCC met in December and wished to relay to the GEC information on concerns that arose during the biology expedited proposal as to the training costs for adjuncts teaching online. PASSHE, via Lockhaven University, has an in-house, re-usable training program, and thus no additional costs are incurred by the university to train participants.
- IV. Report from Standing Committees
  - a. Assessment-Dr. Girard reported that the committee met on January 26 and the majority of their discussions pertained to preparing and implementing a standardized (Voluntary System of Accountability-VSA) test to freshman and seniors. Several freshman courses will be targeted to obtain scores from 200 incoming freshman students, while senior capstone courses may be an outlet for testing outgoing seniors.
    - i. Many random sampling errors were discussed, and suggestions of reviewing other university's procedures should be evaluated. It was encouraged to make attempts toward a valid method. One suggestion included trying to collect seniors from each college to get an appropriate representative number, and another suggestion included qualitative interviews.
    - ii. Dr. Mike commented on the student's understanding and seriousness of their responses, and urged that the post test would have to be part of the capstone's course requirements and thus faculty need to be able to incorporate it into the senior experience.
  - b. Budget-Dr. Clements reported on their January 26 meeting, where they evaluated the GEC Grants Program. She thanked the faculty who reviewed grants over break, and three were sent forward and currently pending the Provost's approval. One grant was from political science, and two from modern languages, and if approved there will be a remaining \$11,000 for this semester. The program is working on a rolling deadline, with proposals accepted on the first Friday of each month so please encourage others to apply. The committee is working on getting the call for fall 2012 out shortly.
  - c. Program-Dr. Predecki reported on their January 18<sup>th</sup> meeting which dealt with another expedited proposal. The Change was from *Introduction to International Politics* 141 to *World Politics* 141 with a few minor topical content changes. The Committee agreed to support the change and send a positive recommendation to UCC. A motion was made by

Dr. Harrow, seconded by Dr. Morrisette, to support the committee's favorable recommendation. All were in favor and it passed.

- d. Dr. Predecki, Dr. Mike, and Dr. Hamblin provided people with information prior to the Friday's retreat. They discussed how GECC conducted surveys, held forums, traveled to national institutes, and created a draft document with a vision and goals. This document is the efforts of numerous faculty input and several years of work in order to develop a general education curriculum. While it has been approved as a working document, it is far from implementing, and is in need of feedback. GEC now has authority and charged with the oversight of all general education curriculums and thus that empowerment should respect the completed work that developed these basic ideas.

#### V. New Business

- a. GEC Retreat-Friday 2/10 from 330-630pm at Knutes' upstairs room, so please read all the documents and come with ideas. The format of the retreat will give participants two opportunities to divide into groups of interest with the intent of providing feedback on the draft. Ideally, by the end of the retreat we should create action items on which to move forward. Please read and review documents prior to the retreat.
- b. AMP Vision, Mission, and Goals – was presented from Dr. Harrow who explained this was an academic master plan developed over the past 2 years. It was developed out of an APSCUF Executive Committee and then spearheaded by the Provost's office to move the plan forward. It has been developed with numerous open forums and lots of conscientious. It has been passed by other programs/groups on campus and GEC is the last to see it. It was developed with five parts that scaffold in on themselves and general education is integrated throughout the document. Dr. Finucane motioned, seconded by Dr. Clements, to support the document. No discussion arose, and all were in favor-the motion passed.
- c. Amendment to Bylaws-previously met to discussion alternates serving as elected officers and a motion was made that the Faculty Co-Chair should not be an alternate. A ballot was distributed and APSCUF rep, Dr. Harrow reported that is passed will all yeses and one no.
- d. An upcoming free webinar will discuss the LEAP initiative and how employers value general education.
- e. Chair of UCC and GEC met to discuss the growing pains between the two committees and the need to understand how proposals will work. It was suggested that GEC will be similar to college councils and then pass proposals on to UCC. A motion was made by Dr. Harrow, seconded by Dr. Morrisette to send Dr. Hamblin and Dr. Botteron to serve on the UCC Ad Hoc committee to discuss this. All were in favor.

- VI. Motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Finucane, seconded E. Nollenberger and passed with all in favor. Meeting adjourned at 4:41 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison E. Feeney