

MINUTES

General Education Council,
3:30 February 7, 2013, Grove Hall 202

- I. Meeting was called to order by Dr. James Hamblin at 3:37 pm in GH 202. Attendance at the meeting included: M. Moilanen, L. Cella, D. Godshalk, W. Kingsley, A. Morana, M. Lucia, S. Drzyzga, A. Feeney, C. Bertram, C. Kimmel, E. Nollenberger, D. Girard, J. Hamblin, L. Bryant, A. Cresswell, J. Catanio, J. Beck, L. Patterson, S. Paulson, S. Benbow, M. Paxton, K. Johnson, S. Stokely, and K. Moll.
- II. Dr. Nollenberger motioned, seconded by Dr. Beck, to approve the December 6, 2012 minutes. All were in favor and it passed unanimously.
- III. Report from UCC-Welcome back Dr. Paulson from sabbatical and a special thanks to Dr. Moll for filling in while she was gone. Dr. Paulson reported that UCC held a short meeting where they approved the disability minor and the committee had nothing to report to GEC.
- IV. Reports from Standing Committees-
 - a. Budget-Dr. Bertram reported that they had a meeting on January 30th. The Provost office provided some additional funds. With nearly \$4000 remaining they will be making another call for proposals soon. The committee also plans to ask the provost for addition funds for the upcoming year. Two proposals were funded since the last meeting.
 - b. Program-Dr. Drzyzga reported that they had not met this semester but will meet next week. Bloomsburg and Millersville both updated their general education program after their Middle States Review, so the program committee plans to have a teleconference with them. The questions for the two schools will be organized at their first meeting and arrange a time for the conference.
 - c. Assessment-Dr. Girard reported that they met three times since last fall's meeting and they have been working toward a plan for assessment. They feel they have a strong plan and will hopefully finalize it and bring it to next month's meeting for approval, and implement it in fall 2013.
 - d. Ad-Hoc Capstone- Dr. Bryant reported on the difficulties of requiring capstone courses. Rather than GEC continuing separately, they are attempting to meet with UCC to discuss it as a university requirement rather than a general education requirement. A discussion arose as to who manages, assess, designs, and agrees on what constitutes a capstone experience and thus there needs to be coordination with UCC.
 - e. Ad hoc entry year experience-Dr. Moll reported that they have not met this semester, but will meet shortly. They will arrange to meet with the program committee and make sure they are not duplicating efforts. Questions arose as to how transfer students will be addressed. It was noted that Dr. Stokely, Dr. Hamblin, and Dr. Bartoli were at a webinar that dealt with such issues. Dr. Stokely mentioned that they want to address programming on campus on top of course work that would capture all new students to campus.

- V. GEO 190 Proposal-Dr. Marr and Dr. Jantz proposed a course using a similar model as the Globalization 190 course but focusing on Category E learning objectives. Both have traveled to Chili and the course will examine land use, human settlement, and cultural diffusion. Dr. Bertram motioned, seconded by Dr. Cresswell to approve the course. There is no limit to the number of 190 courses a department can offer, but each individual class can only be offered three times. Dr. Hamblin noted we should keep an eye on banner to make sure as more 190 courses arise there are no difficulties with students enrolling. All were in favor of the motion and it passed unanimously.
- VI. Academic Master Plan-GEC was asked to review and approve it and Dr. Ensley and Dr. Bartoli who were involved in writing the AMP came to answer questions. Much of the discussions and questions pertained to delegation, and Dr. Ensley and Dr. Bartoli reinforced the notion that this document was written over a long period of time and is collectively the suggestions from numerous people across campus. Numerous focus group discussions were combined and categorized. Many of the suggestions have already started to be implemented, and others are suggested activities. People really want GEC be reformed from the 30-year model currently being used. AMP intends to integrate groups throughout the university rather than individual committees doubling efforts. Dr. Kingsley motioned and Dr. Godshalk seconded to approve the Academic Master Plan, all were in favor.
- VII. Music 190 proposal-Dr. Hartman came to answer questions pertaining to the course. A motion was made by Dr. Lucia, seconded by Dr. Paulson to approve the course. Questions arose as to the category B objectives, and it was pointed out that the last sentence in syllabus addresses the objectives. Assessment methods were discussed with the fact that playing pieces of music introduces student to listening in a concentrated way which is a skill different than any other skill, and thus such assessments are useful to test if students gained that skill. This course is a reflection of culture and this class meets that strategy. All were in favor and the motioned passed unanimously.
- VIII. Additional announcements-students from the winter J-term 190 trip to Curacao will be presenting globalization topics in Orndorff theatre and all are invited. It is nice to have prominent activities on campus communicating the opportunities and the roll of 190 courses. Finally, we do not have a meeting in May, thus April will be the last meeting where we will elect a chair, secretary, and sub-committees. Sub-committees are expected to meet between the April and September meeting.
- IX. Dr. Hamblin adjourned the meeting at 4:24 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison E. Feeney