

General Education Council Minutes – April 3, 2012

Members Present: Conrad Shumaker (Chair) , Jeff Allender (GEOG), Destiny Davis (SGA), Jim Deitrick (PHIL), Kim Eskola (KPED), Lori Isom (CHEM), Joe McGarrity (EFIRM), Carl Olds (FILM), Ed Powers (SOC), Mary Beth Sullivan (PSCI), Stephanie Vanderslice (WRTG), Joe Webb (SGA), Renee Lebeau-Ford (Ex-officio, LIB)

Members Absent: Rene Crow (ECSE), Kondwani Phwandaphwanda (MUS), Charles Watson (MATH), Clay Arnold (ex-officio, Dean of Undergraduate Studies)

AGENDA for Apr. 3 Meeting:

1. Approval of minutes from March 6 meeting (attached)
2. Revised Mission and Basic Outcomes draft (to be sent)
3. Proposed General Education Task Force

1. Approval of Mar. 6 minutes: MOTION to approve minutes (Powers), SECOND by Allender, minutes were approved by acclamation

2. Revised Mission and Basic Outcomes draft

GEC needs to meet in the next week or 2 weeks to vote on the document before the end of the semester

- Council discussed updates made to document by Powers
- Question made as to whether this document was designed to reflect the current model and courses—emphatically no, is designed for what we think Gen Ed SHOULD be
- Upcoming Task Force will be looking at models, assessment, looking at everything out there during the summer – to make recommendations to GEC and then to rest of campus
- No preconceptions about the Task Force – what we do should be logical and assessable
- new Provost is determined not to make decisions without being thought through
- ideally we should consider more models

3. Gen Ed Task Force

- talked with Laura Young, representing the Provost
- discussion commenced about a proposed Task Force called by the Provost
- Question was raised about the Task Force usurping GEC responsibilities (appointed body supplanting an elected one) – answer is that the release time from past semester did not work and Act 747 requires that we need to work on this over the summer
- size of Task Force? probably 7-8, many from GEC
- not a personal attack on GEC, subcommittees must function and have not been effective this semester
- conversation put on hold until we meet again and talk with the Provost directly

Meeting was adjourned - Next Meeting will be April 12