

Ferris State University
University General Education Committee
Minutes

Thursday, April 16, 2009

Present:

Teresa Cook, Chuck Drake, Don Flickinger (ex officio), Anne Marie Gillespie, John Gray, Susan Hastings-Bishop, Fred Heck (chair), Cynthia Konrad.

Excused: Paul Kammerdiner

Minutes from meeting of 3/26/09:

John Gray noted an error in the spelling of Amanda Karel's name. Moved and seconded (Gray, Cook) to approve with correction of name from Carel to Karel. Motion passed unanimously.

Discussion Items:

- A. Regarding membership for UGEC next year: the terms for Chuck Drake and Cindy Konrad are up after this semester (Sp 2009). Chuck has decided not to serve another term; Don will contact CET dean about replacement. Cindy is willing to serve another term, and since the meeting has been reappointed by CAHS dean.
- B. Regarding subcommittee membership for next year: Heck will contact all subcommittee members whose terms are up to see if they want to stop serving, or if they are willing to continue on the committees. The appropriate department head or college dean will be contacted to replace members who no longer wish to serve.

Updates:

- A. Heck described what has been entered into TracDat and Gray asked if the UGEC could have access to the Gen Ed site in TracDat. The full committee agreed this would be appropriate. Since the meeting, Mo Milzarski in the VPAA's office has been contacted about granting access to the UGEC members.
- B. Heck described his recent meeting with the Academic Counselors and some of the concerns they have. In particular, how to go about assigning gen ed credit to prefix-only transfer courses. Don reported that A&S department heads will begin this process in consultation with the Academic Counselors. Another concern raised by the AC group was how to preserve a record of past gen ed courses, especially __90 courses. Cook suggested that perhaps we could have a place on the Gen Ed website where these courses could be archived. Heck and Flickinger both noted that we will be working on the website over the summer and will include a site for the __90 courses.
- C. Don gave a general update on the Gen Ed Task Force and described a likely timeline. There is now a Lotus Notes address that anybody on campus can use to send emails to the task force.

Next meeting: Heck will contact UGEC members early in Fall semester, 2009 to set a September or October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 5:30 pm