

Ferris State University
University General Education Committee
Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2008

Present:

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

Minutes from meeting of 10/2/08:

Moved and seconded (Cook, Kammerdiner) to approve with minor revision in members present. Passed unanimously.

Action Items:

- A. General Education Course Criteria Form: Recommendation was made to emphasize the words "should" and "must" in the course criteria headings. A motion was made and seconded (Konrad, Cook) to approve the form with recommended revisions. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. Instructions for Removal of Gen Ed Status: Recommendations were made to include examples of when removal might be appropriate, and to move some information from Form E to Form A (estimated number of students per year and impact of removal on student population). A motion was made and seconded (Konrad, Hastings-Bishop) to approve the document with recommended revisions. Motion passed unanimously. A related recommendation was also made to clean up the wording of the original policy for gen ed removal that was approved by the UGEC in Spring, 2008. Heck will clean up and send out to the committee for their approval.

Updates:

- A. WIC membership now complete:
Roxanne Cullen, *Lang and Lit, A&S*
Debbie Courtright-Nash, *Lang and Lit, A&S*
Sharon Robideaux, *Lang and Lit, A&S*
Doug Zentz, *HVACR, Technology*
Nancy Lashaway-Bokina, *Teacher Education, COEHS*
Mary Murnik, *Biology, A&S*

Heck will meet with WIC committee early next semester to discuss charge of committee.

Academic Counselor member to UGEC has also been identified: Anne Marie Gillespie

- B. Course proposals approved this semester: 11 approved; 1 in process; WIC status removed from 3 CONM courses.

- C. Senate approval of APRC recommendations: Flickinger led discussion regarding possible make-up and charge of taskforce that will be formed to facilitate review of Gen Ed program over next few years. APRC suggestions for improving the Gen Ed program will be the focus of UGEC activities during Spring, 2009 semester.

- D. Trac Dat status: Heck shared that learning outcomes have been entered into TracDat and that other data such as specific assessment methods and results have been much harder to quantify. Suggestion was made to contact gen ed faculty with questions about exactly which of the gen ed outcomes they assess, how they assess those outcomes and what the results are of those assessments.

Next meeting: January or early February 2009 with APRC suggestions for gen ed program as main agenda item.