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USFSP General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes: 12/06/2007, 3:30 pm, DAV 124

Present: Cyndie Collins (Chair), Lisa Starks, Susan Fernandez, Tina Neville, Jim Krest, Todd Shank, Andy Reeves, Julie Armstrong
Absent: Jennifer Baker

The committee unanimously approved minutes from October's meeting.

The committee unanimously voted Lisa Starks Associate Chair.

The committee reviewed its charge, per the Faculty Council. There was some discussion of possible overlap of between GEC and the Academic Programs Committee, especially questions about which committee reviews which courses, and discussion of procedures for circulating and approving course proposals of different types. The charge, however, seems clear – that GEC will handle core courses and Academic Programs will handle others, because GEC must ensure that faculty members are adhering to new core standards.

There was further discussion of how we could ensure that faculty members would adhere to new core standards. How will USFSP train, mentor, implement, and assess? The goal is to get core competencies, different programs' Academic Learning Compacts, and individual course goals to complement one another. Ultimately, program coordinators and administrators need to make sure that faculty members are trained and assessed – structures for implementing the new core need to be put into place. February's task will be to identify areas where faculty members need support.

The group further identified an important question: Do we want to follow Tampa's procedures and formats for course submissions? In light of tomorrow's meeting with GEC members from Tampa, now is the time for us to decide upon the processes that we want to use as we develop/adjust their core for our campus.

Before closing, the committee reviewed the handout from Tampa on Recertification and individual members' terms of service.

Julie Armstrong,
Secretary