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General Education Committee

Agenda and Minutes

September 4, 2012, 8:00 AM

St Petersburg

Committee Members

Kathy Arthur, Chair
Erika Asano (Arts and Sciences)
Gary Austin (Library)
Deby Cassill (Arts and Sciences)
Maria Luisa Corton (Business)
Morgan Gresham (Arts and Sciences)
Hugh LaFollette (Arts and Sciences)
Deanna Michael (Education , excused absence)
Adrian O'Connor (Arts and Sciences)
George Roy (Education)
J.E. Gonzalez (Ex-Officio)

Guests

Dr. Noonan (Regional Vice Chancellor)
Cynthia Collins (Advising director)
Susan Allen (Faculty Senate Chair)

General Education Meeting

Tuesday Sept. 4, 2012
220 Conference Room Bayboro

Agenda

8-9 am Discussion of Legislation HB713/PCB EDC 12-03 concerning state changes to General Education. Guest speakers Norine Noonan, Cynthia Collins.

9-10am Discussion of Fall agenda, Legislation, GE day, Philosophy

Minutes

Dr. Noonan

Reviewed the content of Legislation HB713/PCB EDC.

Reduction of GE course hours to no more than 30 hours.

GE subject areas mathematics, humanities, social sciences, communications, and natural sciences

State created a steering committee that will create a list of core general education courses 15 to 18 hours, universities will determine the other 15. Students will have to take two core courses from each subject area.

(K. Arthur adding in information) Steering Committee Member for USF system is Bob Sullins of USF Tampa of College of Education/Mathematics and Dean of Undergraduate Studies. As part of USF system we can not have our own campus representative.

The steering committee is selecting discipline committees for the 5 area studies. The plan is to have 6 SUS and 6 FCS faculty members on each committee.

Nominations are due by September 14 (k. Arthur added in). Dr. Noonan put forth Thomas Smith as our representative. Jane Rose from Manatee was nominated.

Core courses with course number and title have descriptions that we must adhere to though we ultimately control course assignments.

Currently discussed legislation does not affect Exit and Gordon rule courses.

Susan Allen

System wide faculty wide meeting-- concerns about the challenges for each university and how will we deal with GenEd changes, Union concerned about faculty retention, keep an eye on Florida virtual university developments.

Discussed suggestions for GE committee by all:

1. Keep up on legislation and publications in news concerning GE
2. think about how this will affect courses such as fine arts, history, writing which do not have clear presence in new subject areas
3. Where do our major requirements overlap with general education courses and how will changes affect majors
4. hiatus on any new courses
5. Keep in touch with steering committee and Gen ed committees on other campuses

Senate Charge for General Education Committee 2012-2013 (email from S. Allen 9/4)

1. monitor the FL legislation that will impact Gen Ed requirements and courses, maintaining contact with the steering committees and discipline-specific committees that will be making recommendations for the implementation of the legislation.
2. Provide guidance to faculty in all colleges as they assess current GE courses in their disciplines and course pre-requisites to anticipate possible consequences of the legislation on their discipline's courses at USFSP.

3. Work toward developing a philosophy of GE outcomes for our students that will help guide choices of GE courses to offer at USFSP, outside of those that will be required by the state.

Our discussion

1. Discuss with faculty concerning overlap between general ed and required courses for majors with College Councils and A&S Chairs.
2. Cyndie, Linda, Ernie create a spread sheet for each program and their double dipping prior to next meeting with prerequisites and enrollment, as well as another spreadsheet with Majors and what GE courses they select.
3. Continue to encourage faculty to turn in their GE assessment
4. No new programs or courses.

next meeting Friday Oct. 12 noon Bayboro 220