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General Education Committee - Agenda & Minutes

Friday November 2 , 2012, 11 AM
Harbor Hall 131

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 excused absence)
J.E. Gonzalez (Ex-Officio)

Agenda

1. Chair review
 - Meeting with Chairs and committee input
 - meeting with Chris Davis System Senate Chair
 - Nov. 15th meeting discussion points committee input
 - Steering Committee activities
2. Hugh discussion on Philosophy
3. SLO discussions

Minutes:

The meeting started at 11am

1. Kathy handed out to the group a package with information on SUS institutions describing GenED competencies and SLs (Florida A&M; Florida Atlantic; Florida Gulf Coast; Florida International; Florida State; UCF; UF; UNF; USF; UWF; Florida State College at Jacksonville)
2. Minutes from September meeting approved
3. Kathy commented/reported on:
 - Meeting with Chairs and committee input
 - Meeting with Chris Davis System Senate Chair
 - Adrian O'Connor will be representing our committee at the Faculty System wide Committee on Nov. 15th; we spent some time going over proposed points by Adrian to bring to this meeting
 - Sacs violation of Comprehensive 3.4.1 (Academic program approval) requires that each institution, programs are approved by both faculty and administration (at the institution)
 - Sacs violation of Comprehensive Standard 3.4.10. requires that each institution places primary responsibility for the content, quality, and effectiveness of the curriculum with its faculty
 - Possible violation of Comprehensive Standard 3.5.1 (General Education competencies) requires that each institution to identify general education competencies and the extent to which students have attained them.
 - Reduction in GE hours will reduce student exposure to the diversity of majors and their ability to assess their

skills in particular areas, which will probably result in more students switching majors more often and graduating later

- Possibility of increasing reliance on adjuncts to teach General Education courses if courses are not currently within teaching faculty realms of expertise, which has the potential to lower the quality of education
 - Steering Committee activities – Kathy brought the list of GE courses suggested by the steering committee and the group spent some time reviewing and commenting on it.
 - Kathy will attend the Education faculty meeting today, and Arts and Science in November, and Business next Friday with the objective of informing faculty regarding GE/legislation events.
4. Hugh discussion on Philosophy – the group started the review of Hugh’s proposal and agreed to continue next meeting – we agreed on changing the wording of paragraph 2, first sentence but did not finish.
 5. SLO discussions – we went over Deby’s Natural science proposal for SLOs, which was to adopt Florida State College at Jacksonville’s program and allow faculty to select their own competencies for each course from this list. We still need to review quantitative, and humanities next meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 1pm

Our next meeting will be **Friday November 30 at 12 noon Harbor Hall 131**