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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Agenda & Minutes

Friday November 8, 2013 Davis 100 10 am

Committee Members:

1. Kathy Arthur, Chair
2. Deni Elliott (Arts and Sciences)
3. Kathy Carvalho-Knighton (Arts and Sciences) excused
4. Gary Austin (Library)
5. David John (Arts and Sciences)
6. Deanna Michael (Education)
7. Morgan Gresham (Arts and Sciences)
8. Hugh LaFollette (Arts and Sciences)
9. Adrian O'Connor (Arts and Sciences)
10. Rick Smith (Business)

Attached documents

- o Draft of Oct. 25 minutes
- o USFSP Department State Core List

AGENDA

10:00-10:10- Minutes from Oct. 25

10:10-10:30- Chair and member updates

- o Meetings with Faculty CAS (Nov), Business, Library, and Education (Jan)
- o GE faculty Assessment Update

10:30-11:00 Course Application Form

11:00-11:15 State Legislation and # of Courses in each subject area

11:15-11:30 Title of GE Program

- o USF- Foundations of Knowledge
- o UT Austin, Colorado State -Core Curriculum
- o Barnard- Ways of Knowing
- o Hendrix College- Odyssey Program
- o UC Berkeley- Letters of Science
- o UNC-Making Connections
- o Madison University- The Human Community

Suggestions:

- o CLARITY: Critical thinking, quantitative Literacy, writing and ethics and diversity?
- o Cornerstones

Assessment Methods and Resources for Next Meeting:

- National Institute for Learning Outcome Assessment
 - <http://www.learningoutcomeassessment.org/NLLOAResources.html>
 - Case Studies Page
 - o <http://www.learningoutcomeassessment.org/AugustanaCaseStudy.html>
- Articles in the Journal of General education

- http://muse.jhu.edu/journals/journal_of_general_education/v062/62.2-3.furman.html

MINUTES

Communication with Faculty

- K. A meeting with Faculty CAS (Nov 4) communicated the following
 - Fall Assessment Q drive or Kathy, student will enter data into Assessment Tool, Mike Chen will use AT to create summary tables
 - Spring 2013 Assessment Due to Susan Toler
 - Expected Deadlines for Course Applications
 - State Courses Monday Feb 3, 2014
 - USFSP Courses Monday March 11, 2014
 - K. A. provided a document with
 - state Core Course List indicating if a USF system course and which USFSP Department/College responsible for course
 - From the following website a copy of all
 - http://scns.fldoe.org/scns/public/pb_index.jsp
 - State Course Numbers and Descriptions
 - USF Course Numbers and Description
 - CAS Faculty indicated that they would teach all the GE State Core courses except for ECO and AST. Business will teach the ECO course
 - K.A. emailed and working with Tampa & Sarasota on Non-USF State Core Courses and connected our faculty to their GE chairs to continue discussions
 - K. A. sent email to administrators and to Academic Programs and Undergraduate council indicating that several course not currently offered at USF system may be coming through their committee in the spring
- K. A. inquired about meeting with Education, Library and Business for updates. Education and Business declined (K. A. provided state and USF course descriptions to Rick), Library would like her to attend, will arrange.
- K. A. as chair will present the application process at the Dec. CAS Chair meeting
- K. A. as chair will present the application process to the faculty at the first CAS Faculty meeting in January, as approved by the GE committee and also the CAS Faculty Council Chair

- We will organize a campus wide GE meeting in late March or early April of 2014. We will present faculty with summary tables from their course assessments in each subject area and encourage faculty to discuss and evaluate the results and future changes.

GE Assessment Update

- K. Arthur is almost finished cleaning up and organize Q drive
- Still working on collecting with Susan Toler and also Morgan for ENC, but we have 80-90% compliance waiting for ENC.

Subcommittee Assessment Update (minutes appended)

- Subcommittee met with Ernie Gonzalez
- Assessment Tool looks easy to manage, but committee has not actually had hands on
- Still some security issues regarding open access to all files—need a tiered access system in place
- Still question about the malleability of the tool, can we can it to fit our new GE program in 2015?
- Can we get online off campus access
- Ernie would be glad to demonstrate to committee and faculty in near future

Course Application Form

- K. A sent Philosophy, SLOs, and Criteria to Senate for Vote on process
- Deanna will ask the Senate to expedite their decision, so we can get organized for vote this month
- K.A. will put together Ballad for voting and email to committee

GE Course Distribution for Students

The State mandates that in the Fall of 2015, each student must complete at least one identified State Core course in each subject area as part of the general education course requirements (15 credit hours). The CAS chairs

indicated that they would like a similar distribution applied to the remaining 21 hours of GE coursework. In order to fulfill their remaining 21 hours of course hours, each student must complete at least one identified course in each subject area as part of the general education course requirements (15 credit hours). Students will be allowed to select 2 courses in any subject they chose to fulfill their remaining GE credit hours (6 credit hours). The GE committee also voted in favor of this rule, but is checking to make sure that it does not contradict legislation.

K. A. will update next meeting concerning legislation to determine if this is possible.

Title of GE Program

Do we want a unique name for the USFSP GE program?

Other Campus GE program names

- USF- Foundations of Knowledge
- UT Austin, Colorado State -Core Curriculum
- Barnard- Ways of Knowing
- Hendrix College- Odyssey Program
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K.A suggestions

- CLARITY: Critical thinking, quantitative LiterAcy, wRItting and eThics and diversitY?
- Cornerstones

Committee discussed some pros and cons:

- Pros Ownership- by naming something we make it our and distinct from State or USF Tampa
Creates a sense of belonging and unity for incoming students
- Cons Could create confusion for incoming transfer students to have a different name

Committee generally in agreement that it would be a good idea, Deanna will look at our Mission etc. to see if there is an identifying name or title already in place that we could use

Next Meeting Topics

- 1) Online courses and GE
- 2) Online or update notifications for GE Course Applications
- 3) Assessment Methods- what to do with the course assessment data that we collect?

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- University of North Florida – Morgan suggested
 - University of Colorado and North Carolina
<http://www2.acs.ncsu.edu/UPA/archives/assmt/resource.htm>

- **General Education Faculty Committee Final Recommendations General Education Competencies and Core Courses**

COMMUNICATION

Students will demonstrate the ability to communicate effectively.

Students will demonstrate the ability to analyze communication critically.

	State No. System	USF Course	USFSP Department
ENC X101 English Composition I	Yes	ENC 1101	VVA

HUMANITIES

Students will confirm the ability to think critically through demonstrating interpretive ability and cultural literacy.

Students will acquire competence in reflecting critically upon the human condition

	State No. System	USF Course	USFSP Department
ARH X000 Art Appreciation	Yes	No	HP
HUM X020 Intro. to Humanities	Yes	HUM 1120	HP/VVA
LIT X000 Intro. to Literature	Yes	LIT 2000	VVA
MUL X010 Music Appreciation	Yes	No	VVA
THE X000 Theatre Appreciation	Yes	No	VVA
PHI X010 Introduction to Philosophy	Yes	No	HP

MATHEMATICS

Students will determine appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving, and demonstrate an understanding of mathematical concepts.

Students will apply appropriate mathematical and computational models and methods in problem solving

	State No. System	USF Course	USFSP Department
MAC X105 College Algebra	Yes	MAC 1105	ESP
MAC X311 Calculus I	Yes	MAC 2311	ESP
MGF X106 Liberal Arts Math I	Yes	MGF 1106	ESP
MGF X107 Liberal Arts Math II	Yes	MGF 1107	ESP
STA X023 Statistical Methods	Yes	STA 2023	ESP

NATURAL SCIENCES

Students will demonstrate the ability to critically examine and evaluate scientific observation, hypothesis, or model construction, and the use of scientific method to explain the natural world.

Students will successfully recognize and comprehend fundamental concepts, principles, and processes about the natural world.

	State No. System	USF Course	USFSP Department
AST X002 Descriptive Astronomy	Yes	No	We will not teach
BSC X005 General Biology	Yes	BSC 1005	BIO
BSC X010 General Biology 1	Yes	BSC 2010	BIO
BSC 2085 Anatomy and Physiology I	Yes	BSC 2085	BIO
CHM X020 Chemistry for Liberal Studies	Yes	No	ESP
CHM X045 General Chemistry I	Yes	CHM 2045	ESP
ESC X000 Intro. Earth Science	Yes	No	ESP
EVR X001 Into to Environmental Science	Yes	EVR 2001	ESP
PHY X020 Fundamentals of Physics	Yes	PHY 2020	BIO
PHY X048 General Physics w/Calculus	Yes	PHY 2048	BIO
PHY X053 General Physics 1	Yes	PHY 2053	BIO

SOCIAL SCIENCES

Students will demonstrate the ability to examine behavioral, social, and cultural issues from a variety of points of view.

Students will demonstrate an understanding of basic social and behavioral science concepts and principles used in the analysis of behavioral, social, and cultural issues, past and present, local and global.

	State No. System	USF Course	USFSP Department
AMH X020 Intro. Survey Since 1877	Yes	AMH 2020	HP
ANT X000 Intro. Anthropology	Yes	ANT 2000	SCL
ECO X013 Prin. Of Macroeconomics	Yes	ECO 2013	Business
POS X041 American Government	Yes	POS 2041	HP
PSY X012 Intro. to Psychology	Yes	PSY 2012	PSY
SYG X000 Principles of Sociology	Yes	SGY 2000	ISS
