

## **UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

February 16, 2011

2:00 – 3:30 p.m., Research I, 162

**Attending:** Rick Davis (chair), Don Boileau, Rick Diecchio, Kim Eby, Doug Eyman, Marcy Glover (recording secretary), Frank Allen Philpot, Kammy Sanghera, Claire Snyder-Hall, Hugh Sockett, Karen Studd, Cliff Sutton

**Absent:** Carol Urban, Peter Winant

**Guests:** Dann Sklarew (Provost Sustainability Fellow) and Randy Gabel (NCC/MATH Professor) – Sustainability Proposal  
Marie Alice Arnold and Yehuda Lukacs – Center for Global Education

### **Call to Order**

The meeting started at 2:05 p.m.

### **New Business**

#### *Sustainability Proposal*

Dann and Randy presented their proposal to the committee and requested guidance on how to proceed. Discussion centered on how to implement a new requirement into the curriculum. Would it be a new category, or just a requirement fulfilled by completing pre-designated courses with double dipping allowed? Would this be similar to the non-Western requirement or writing-intensive in how it is populated/governed? There is a nation-wide academic movement toward sustainability/conservation/energy based coursework; students are interested but uncertain how to find the courses and how an employer would tell from their transcript that they pursued this interest academically. The discussion concluded with the committee asking Dann and Randy to develop learning outcomes for the sustainability requirement and identify a list of courses that would fulfill it. Additionally, they were asked to reach out to various departments and programs to see what support if any there is for such a proposal.

#### *Study Abroad -Co-Curricular Transcripts – evaluating non-classroom activities for general education credit*

Yehuda and Marie Alice visited the committee to explore ways for students to receive general education credit (predominantly for global understanding or arts) for completing study abroad. How should they proceed? The College of Humanities and Social Sciences has moved to a generic Study Abroad code at the departmental level, which precludes the gen ed committee from approving any one course for a specific category. A typical example would be a two week trip to Italy. As advertised the trip could earn academic credit for one of five different courses (ANTH 398, GLOA 480, HIST 398). This trip one year, could focus on art and international relations the next, depending on the faculty member. The committee was uncertain as to what it would need in order to approve a program for credit. This will be discussed at future meetings with the information based back to Marie Alice but Marcy.

### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.