

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 7, 2011

11:00 – 12:30 p.m., Mason Hall, D23

Attending: Rick Davis (chair), Don Boileau, Kim Eby, Marcy Glover (recording secretary), Frank Allen Philpot, Hugh Sockett, Karen Studd, Cliff Sutton, Carol Urban, Peter Winant

Absent: Rick Diecchio, Doug Eyman, Kammy Sanghera, Claire Snyder-Hall,

Call to Order

The meeting started at 11:06 a.m.

New Business

SACS VISIT

Went well; they liked QEP; have asked for additional details.

SEGUE GRANTS

Rick has \$150,000 for small grants to faculty to improve courses with high D/F/W rates. He will need volunteers to assess the proposals when they come in.

QEP

Professor Padmanabhan Seshaiyer won the Teaching Excellence Award for General Education.

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS

CRIM 495 – SYNTHESIS

This is a resubmission. The committee asked for additional information about the interdisciplinary nature of the course (was implied rather than explicitly demonstrated in original proposal). The new submission answers the question to most members' satisfaction. **APPROVED**

NCLC 101, 102, AND 203 – WRITTEN COMMUNICATION, lower level

ENGL 101 used to be built into the original NCC general education program. The question was asked if the ENGL department was involved in the creation of this course (they were). What happens if the student does not take all three courses (they do not receive credit for the lower level written communication requirement). **APPROVED**

THR 411 – ARTS – APPROVED

No discussion.

THR 412 – ARTS - APPROVED

No discussion.

FACULTY SENATE REPORT

Rick is in the middle of drafting the annual report to the Faculty Senate. We have been very strict this year, returning close to 50% of all proposals. Assessment continues, with IT in progress this semester. Natural Science learning outcomes are being discussed by the faculty in the College of Science and will be presented to the committee next fall for discussion and approval. We still need to create learning outcomes for quantitative reasoning and written communication. Rick will share the report with the committee after it is submitted.

DISTANCE EDUCATION AND GENERAL EDUCATION

We need to discuss these courses to insure that they continue to meet the learning outcomes of their respective categories; not dumbed down for distance delivery. Associate Provost Goodlett McDaniel will be invited to the next meeting.

SYNTHESIS DEBRIEF

Dr. Ying Zhou will be invited to the next meeting to share the results of the synthesis assessment.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.