

## **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.