

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

April 28, 2011

11:00 – 12:30 p.m., Mason Hall, D3

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

Absent: Kammy Sanghera

Guests: Ying Zhou and Karen Gentemann – Institutional Assessment
Goodlett McDaniel – Distance Education

Call to Order

The meeting started at 11:07 a.m.

New Business

SYNTHESIS DEBRIEF

We still need to resolve the issue of the special HFRR approved synthesis courses – should they be brought in line with the learning outcomes? These courses are special BOV exceptions. The School will be asked if they wish to update the courses to align with the new learning outcomes.

The committee has authorized Rick Davis to contact department chairs for professors who do not respond to request to submit portfolios for assessment. There are reasons for not participating, but ignoring the request is not acceptable.

Courses that were part of the CTAC cohort scored very well on the portfolio assessment. The four highest rated courses were also in CTAC – is there a correlation? Should these faculty members be asked to participate in a workshop to show how they use the CTAC rubric to teach a synthesis course? Am I doing anything in my course that is likely to cause anything in the rubric to happen? – hypothetical workshop focus.

Most courses did well; a delegation will meet with the department chairs with courses that received low scores.

Student survey states that synthesis helps them think, but not helpful with oral or written communication skills.

DISTANCE EDUCATION AND GENERAL EDUCATION

Ten general education courses are currently offered completely online and represent 1500 students. Distance Education has a proposal process the general education committees to offer courses online. The current focus is to offer general education courses that students take at NVCC over the summer in large numbers. The committee asked if these courses can be evaluated to insure that they are meeting the general education outcomes – Goodlett said yes.

Announcements

There are two outstanding proposals that need to be voted on (NCLC 203 and CISA); this will be done online.

SEGUE proposals are posted online for the committee to review and vote on. The decision was made that Rick may choose the recipients of the grants.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:30 p.m.