

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

September 16, 2009

1:00 – 2:00 p.m., Mason Hall, D3

Attending: Rick Davis (chair), Don Boileau, Sheryl Beach (for Rick Diecchio), Doug Eyman, Marcy Glover (recording secretary), Frank Alan Philpot, Kammy Sanghera, Claire Snyder, Cliff Sutton, Karen Studd, Carol Urban, Peter Winant

Absent: Kim Eby, Hugh Sockett,

I. Call to Order

- The meeting started at 1:05 p.m.

II. New Business

A. Approval of learning outcomes for global understanding and social and behavioral sciences

- Over the summer, a faculty workshop developed draft learning outcomes for the two categories.
- Faculty randomly selected to participate in the next round of assessment received a draft version of the learning outcomes at the beginning of the semester.
- After discussion regarding word choice on various requirements, the new learning outcomes for both categories were finalized and approved.
- The finalized learning outcomes will be sent to the aforementioned faculty with a note that the changes broaden rather than restrict their options.

B. Discussion and approval of synthesis learning outcomes

- Requirements one and two are mandatory. Group discussion focused on the first requirement and what is meant by the oral component; how is it meant, should there be parameters or a required length of presentation, etc.
- Additionally, there was general discussion on what should be synthesized, the major or general education. The consensus was that synthesis was interdisciplinary. The discussion will be continued at the 9/23 meeting.

III. Adjournment

- The meeting adjourned at 2:28 p.m.