

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

November 28, 2011

11:00 – 12:30 p.m., Mason Hall, D3

Attending: Rick Davis (chair), Rick Diecchio, Kim Eby, Doug Eyman, Marcy Glover (recording secretary), Mack Holt, Kammy Sanghera, Hugh Sockett, Cliff Sutton, Mark Uhen

Absent: Kelly Dunne, Frank Allen Philpot, Carol Urban, Peter Winant

Call to Order

The meeting started at 11:03 a.m.

Old Business

DANC 418 – GLOBAL UNDERSTANDING – RETURNED FOR CLARIFICATION

The committee asked for clarification on two topics. Would this course be used for study abroad in other countries and was it 3 credits or variable?

NCLC 203 – IT –RETURNED FOR CLARIFICATION

The committee requested that Rick ask for more information about the checklist. The committee cannot tell how the proposal connects to the learning outcomes. We need to see more specific alignment to the learning outcomes.

New Business

Critical Thinking Rubric

Kim Eby and Hugh Sockett distributed the critical thinking rubric to the committee. It is a goal of the university to integrate critical thinking across the curriculum; we have chosen synthesis as the vehicle. We already have learning outcomes for the synthesis category. Do we want to integrate the rubric into the learning outcomes in the future? The rubric was created in anticipation of a nationwide test assessing students' critical thinking skills; we are trying to get ahead of it. Kim asked the committee for feedback on the rubric. Should critical thinking happen earlier in the academic career, rather than at the end? Should not use as a template for testing. Primarily it should be used to articulate development of the student as a critical thinker. The committee then gave Kim and Hugh general feedback on the rubric (categories, headers to add, language to change, etc).

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.