

General Education Committee

April 13, 2009 – HUB 123

MINUTES

Present: Lourdes Aviles, Samuel D. Brickley II, Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), D. Benjamin Dearth (student, voting), Corey J. DeGroot (student, voting), John C. Krueckeberg, Robert S. Miller, Evelyn M. Stiller (Chair), Eun-ho Yeo (new faculty, non-voting), David Zehr [eight voting members]

Absent: Deborah H. John

Vacant: Dean of the Academic Experience

Guest: Elliott Gruner

Presenter of Proposals: Cynthia Vascak

Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed. Evelyn Stiller called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

II. Proposals [sunset date becomes 5/2013]:

- a. ARDI 2310 Table Manners: Functional Pottery as Creative Thought Direction [previously approved as CTDI as an experimental course, Table Manners: Handmade for the Table].
Approved 7-0-1-1.
- b. AR 3570 The Art of Sustainability [previously approved as INCO as experimental course]; will apply to the Curriculum Committee for second experimental offering; does not need to return to the General Education Committee until it is proposed as a permanent offering. No action taken.

I. Approve minutes from March 23rd. *Approved as distributed.*

III. David Zehr on CLA results. The results from the fall 2008 administration to first year students arrived last week; our adjusted percentile of 93 (out of 100) was above what they were predicting. David will provide copies upon request. A student data file will also be sent. David and Elliot participated in an online web session with CLA. The spring 2009 administration to seniors has been completed. David would like to give a presentation to the faculty when he has all the results. This is a pilot for this year. We need to take time to digest it. No names are in the results. The students will be told how they did; they will get their score.

This was a lot of effort. Have proctors in the future. Did we sign up for results to be shown or not? We are participating in the accountability project and this data could be included. The test was given early. How demonstrate value added? The students took it very seriously. Elliot expressed his grave concerns for the writing portion. This is just one piece of the assessment task we have to do.

IV. Planning the Creative Thought Direction (CTDI) focus group. Evelyn distributed her suggested goals and discussion questions, which were briefly discussed. She expects the session, April 30th, to include Evelyn asking the questions and someone writing the comments from the audience (or some method of keeping a record); could be some branching out.

How would we market it? Invitation from the Provost or from the General Education Committee? Invite those who teach Creative Thought Directions. Do not represent it as part of the programs Wendy provides. This is something we want you to do for the institution. Joint invitation from the

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Provost and General Education Committee Chair. Explain what it is; one part of assessment. Do it with those who teach the Directions and the Connections. We are documenting what is good about the Connections and the Directions. Could do a student focus group. Send other ideas to Evelyn.

V. Future directions.

VI. Committee Reports.

- a. Curriculum Committee. Meets April 17th.
- b. Steering Committee.

VII. Next meeting April 27th. The newly elected members, Chris Chabot, Wilson Garcia, and Elliot Gruner, will be invited to attend. The Committee will elect the Chair for the 2009-10 academic year.

The General Education Committee meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in HUB 123. The next meeting of the Committee will be **April 27th**.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Campbell, Scribe
Director of Curriculum Support

These minutes were approved April 27, 2009.