

**Plymouth State University
General Education Committee**

Monday, September 25, 2006
2:30-3:30 PM – HUB Tower

AGENDA:

- I. Meeting was called to order at 2:30pm. Present Kathleen Arecchi, Lisa Lindgren, John Krueckeberg, Mary Campbell, Cathie Le Blanc, Filiz Otucu (“New Faculty” participant), Robert Miller, Gaye Gould, David Zehr. Excused: Robert Fitzpatrick.

- II. Approval of September 11, 2006 minutes Correction: Julie Bernier should not be listed as absent because she is not a member of the Committee this year. (6/0/0)

- III. Committee Reports:
 - A. Curriculum Committee: the CC has not yet appointed a member of that body to attend the General Education Committee.
 - B. Exec Council: Cathie Le Blanc – the governance subcommittee work is moving forward and we need to be part of that.

- IV. New Business:
 - A. Lisa: the second Monday of October is Columbus Day – Lisa has had some queries – do we need to have an early Oct meeting so that latecomers can include new courses in the online course query. The general feeling is that we should not try to make up for the Oct. 9th meeting.
 - B. Kathleen: How do we keep the governance meeting on our agenda? Kathie, John, Robert, and Lisa are the sub-group discussing this.
 - C. Kathleen: How will this committee deal with the 4-credit course issue? Should we include this in our future discussions in terms of how the 4-credit issue affects GenEd courses. Robert feels that moving to a 4cr curriculum would mean completely revamping the GenEd program.
 - D. Communication and Media Studies, Evelyn Stiller
 1. Motion: Accept CMDI 2100, The Digital Imagination, as a Creative Thought direction
Accepted: 7-0-0 [1] Sunset: 2011
 2. Motion: Accept CMDI 1100, Creating Games, as a Creative Thought direction

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- E. Conversational Spanish II: the syllabus needs to include a full description of assignments and the content used in teaching the linguistic elements. There is a general feeling that the department has been told that the Global work needs to be better articulated.

Rejected (1/6/0)[1] (Barbara arrived subsequently and the committee explained to her the discussion the committee had had.)

- F. Human Health and Performance – Linda Levy
Motion: Accept AT3300, Illness and Disease, as a Writing Perspective (old program). There was a discussion about why this is necessary. This request is asking that students who are changing to a new catalog be permitted to take AT3300 to satisfy the Writing Perspective under the old GenEd program. If this committee approves this, the affected students will not need to fill out a student request. Statement: Athletic Training majors who updated catalogs, to the new version of the major, but following the old GenEds, will be permitted to take AT3300 to satisfy the GenEd requirement.

V. Other

- A. Discussion of sunset procedure and course & program assessment:
1. If a course has not been offered, the dept. should contact the Dean to change the Sunset date accordingly.
 2. If a department decides not to continue GenEd status for a particular course, the course needs to go back to the CC for a new course code and name.
 3. Some mechanism needs to be put in place for dealing with renewal of GenEd status – the application procedure needs to be simplified.
 4. Do all 70 GenEd courses have to come before this committee this semester or only those taught in the fall? The answer is “all” because of the printing of the catalog.
 5. The governance subcommittee will be looking at the possibility of moving to an electronic distribution format so that
 6. The deadline for this committee to set up the process should be ASAP.
 7. We will need some projection and online facility.
- B. David Zehr
8. Evaluation of the number of seats available in each direction and connection: no report today. This will be put on the next agenda.
 9. Received e-mail about GenEd – transfer students might get credit for a Direction, which a PSU student taking the same course with not receive. Would we put this faculty member on the agenda to come to the meeting – Eric Hoffman.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm

