General Education Council
Minutes
4.9.01

Council Present:
C. McCall-Education
F. Blevens-Fine Arts and Communication
L. Thomas-Health Professions
B. Melzer-Health Professions
K. Moffeit-Business Admin.
V. Sriraman-Science
R. Northcutt-Science
S. Springer-Applied Arts
T. Mottet-Fine Arts and Communication
S. Beebe-Chair Rep.
T. Hindson-Liberal Arts
M. Lord-Education

Council Absent:
J. Crawford-Chair Rep
B. Stone-Applied Arts
J. Ross-Business Admin.
B. Brown-Liberal Arts
M. Hennessy-Liberal Arts
D. Perkins-Applied Arts

Meeting convened at 3:37 p.m.

The council members received a copy of the SACS Principles of Accreditation Revisions packet. R. Brown told the council that the role general education plays in accreditation is being dramatically overhauled. He told the council to send any concern to Dr. Gratz or to him ASAP.

Motion:
R. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from March 26th. B. Melzer so moves. M. Lord seconds the motion. The March 26th minutes are approved as prepared.

R. Brown asked the council if anyone who voted against the Physical Geography motion wanted to raise the issue again. The council did not want to raise the issue again.

R. Brown asked the council to share any concerns they found from their review of the general education syllabi.
R. Northcutt reviewed Political Science 2310 & 2320:
• Most of the information was in the syllabi
• Adopted ODS-brief statement
• The syllabi should be effective and efficient
• Academic Honesty policy—reference to the SWTexan or catalog or have it down to one paragraph

V. Sriraman reviewed Philosophy 1305:
• Lacked Academic Honesty and Disability Services statements

L. Thomas reviewed Anthropology 1312:
• Each course description for the different sections was different—is that normal
• Each course description must meet the component definition
• Maybe the course description should be the same as the catalog description and the goals should be defined by faculty interpretations

S. Springer asked if Bill Fly was or should be involved in creating a consistency of statements. The council decided they did not want to involve Mr. Fly in this issue. It is important that the ODS statement is present in all syllabi or we could be held liable.

It is a good practice to list dates of exams and finals on the syllabi so the students know when they are being evaluated.

The council will review all syllabi every other year and have a representative sample each year.

S. Beebe told the council that we know how the departments evaluate general education courses so we should have the department chairs work with R. Brown to get that information for assessment of his charge from President Supple.

R. Northcutt told the council that one problem with the some of the general education course is that they are taught by non-permanent faculty that are hired for the course from year to year.

T. Mottet asked what President Supple expectations where and if they were spelled out?

S. Beebe told the council that grade distribution reports from the departments could help respond to effectiveness.

T. Hindson asked if the policy was still for senior faculty to teach freshman courses? The President would want all the core curriculum courses taught as effectively as possible.
The senior interview project has been pushed back to the fall. We will have three teams of two interviewing two or three students for about 35-45 minutes. S. Beebe will videotape the event.

DATES:
October 29th-Senior Interview Training—330-6 in ASB 112
November 6th-Senior Interviews

The meeting adjourned at 4:26 p.m.