General Education Council
February 10, 2014
Minutes

Members Present: Ron Brown, Garry White, Michael Burns, Ian Davidson, Ted Hindson, Debra Feakes, Sue Beebe, Greg Passty, Michael Burns, Beth Erhart, Sharon O'Neal, Kevin McCrudy, Vince Luizzi, Diego Rivero, and Shelby Rollings

Dr. Brown opened the meeting and noted that Dr. Beth Wuest was ill and would not be here today. The committee would therefore dispense with our work on the Outcomes Assessment Instrument and instead work on the review of the documentation needed for consideration of department/school request for a course in addition to the General Education Core Curriculum.

Dr. Brown noted issues with political science and said there was a proviso for an exemption for students who take ROTC.

Dr. Brown also asked if the committee was content with the course proposals. Dr. Erhart asked if we could use indirect assessment and it was determined that those types of assessment may not count.

It was determined that indirect assessment would be removed from the review form for the proposed courses.

Our main goal today was to have a method in place for course proposals.

Dr. Passty asked if an honors course could take the place of a political science course. Dr. Brown noted that the GEC needs to decide if that could be possible.

The positive side of using honors courses, according to Dr. Brown, is such courses are always staffed with traditional faculty.

The committee agreed that the committee was comfortable in sending out the proposed model for course submission.

It was asked if other issues would come before the council today. None were noted.

The next meeting will focus on how the pilot audit will take place. Dr. Wuest wanted us to get a general understanding of how the audit will occur at our next meeting. Our concern at our next meeting will be at the second level of audit. Recommendations will probably be made following the audit for continuing improvement in general education courses.

Dr. Hindson asked what percentage of general education courses were taught by tenured faculty. It was guessed that the percentage of general education courses taught by lecturers or senior lecturers (non-tenured faculty) is probably high overall.
Dr. Feakes noted that such decisions may be governed by the departmental workload policies.

Dr. Vince Luizzi proposed a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dr. Garry White seconded the motion.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Submitted by Sharon O'Neal.