

General Education Council
Minutes for 1/24/00

Members Present:

Tom Mandeville-Education
Michal Anne Lord-Education
Glen Rydl-Applied Arts
Robert Northcutt-Science
John Ross-Business
Mary Brennan-Liberal Arts
Tomas Mijares-Applied Arts
Vedaraman Sriramen-Science
Katherine Moffeit-Business
Vince Luizzi-Chair Rep
Tomas Sanchez-Student Rep
Christina Schroeder-Student Rep
Eric Nielsen-Fine Arts and Comm
Steven Beebe-Chair Rep
Brock Brown-Liberal Arts
Barbara Melzer-Health Professions
Catherine Hawkins-Health Professions
Fred Blevens-Fine Arts and Comm

Members Absent:

Bill Stone-Applied Arts (Unavailable all semester)
Michael Hennessy-Liberal Arts (Unavailable all semester)

Visitors:

Ed Burkhardt, Chair of HPER

The meeting convened at 3:35 p.m.

Motion:

R. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11th meeting. M. Lord so moves. R. Northcutt seconds the motion. The October 11th minutes were approved as prepared.

Before adopting the agenda, T. Mandeville requested adding to the new business the issue of printing absences in the minutes.

Ed Burkhardt, chair of HPER, visited the council to discuss the HPER recommendation to eliminate categories of PFW courses. He distributed a handout detailing the proposed two course requirements. Students may take 2 PFW courses from 1101-1139, 1166-1225 or 1150-1159. Athletes, Stutters and band members may take one of these courses from PFW 1140, 1149 or 1165, and Mu 11C, 211C, 311C or 411C.

B. Brown asked if the courses were a diverse group and if there is a description of course numbers to tell the students what is fitness and what is leisure. E. Burkhardt explained that it included all PFW courses and also mentioned that students could not repeat a PFW course.

Motion:

B. Brown moved adoption of the proposal and M. Lord seconded the motion.

The Council unanimously approved the HPER proposal.

Issue added to the agenda:

T. Mandeville requested that the minutes include present and absent members and identify them by college.

Motions:

T. Mandeville moved that those absent be identified in the minutes. M. Lord seconds motion.

Discussion:

C. Hawkins thinks it's unnecessary to document those absent and present from a college if one is present. K. Moffeit agrees with B. Brown to list names. B. Brown proposes a friendly amendment to list both members present and absent in the minutes.

The amended motion passes unanimously.

E. Nielsen asked if he could send a proxy if the college's designated alternate were unavailable? B. Brown suggested if council members are unable to attend a meeting, they should contact the dean's office. B. Melzer suggested a change in the by-laws [PPS] to reflect a proxy. R. Brown stated that 11 members, excluding students, make up a quorum. K. Moffeit suggested there be two members and two alternates. E. Nielsen suggested having a proxy to gather information for the member.

Suggestions and concerns for use of proxy included:

- ✓ If person misses a single meeting, should a proxy be sent whenever an alternate cannot attend?
- ✓ Alternate has ability to cast votes if the member is absent for a fixed period of time, should the proxy?
- ✓ Would a proxy know what is going on with the council?
- ✓ Should the proxy report the information to the council member?
- ✓ Do council members and alternates receive the same information, handouts and emails?
- ✓ Should each college have two alternates both with the ability to vote?
- ✓ Is the issue voting or quorum?

- ✓ Should the alternate attend with instructions from the council member on how to cast their vote?
- ✓ Should there be more communication between alternates and members?
- ✓ If there is a proxy, any faculty member could attend and the same with the students

Motion:

R. Northcutt moved that a committee of three be appointed to review the PPS for proxy and alternates and bring a proposal to the next meeting. T. Mandeville seconds this motion.

Motion passed 14 for, 2 opposed.

Drs. Northcutt, Melzer and Brennan are appointed to this committee, and asked to report at the February 14th meeting.

R. Brown asks for any comments on the community college General Education Core Curricula. While some institutions are very permissive with their core curriculum, most others are more restrictive. Most of the community colleges and universities have distinctive requirements. S. Beebe asked how the new GE core is affecting our institution. R. Brown reported that starting in January the transcripts will be coded to reflect which courses satisfy the General Education Core Curriculum. R. Brown said that some students are taking off-campus courses in their home communities. He also noted that many students are taking AP and college courses at their local high schools or community colleges while still attending high school. He is monitoring the core curriculum and will report what's happening.

R. Brown reported that the Admissions Office would determine whether students have high school credit for foreign language or computer/information technology. Those without such course work will be admitted with a deficiency that can be remedied by successful completion of a computer or foreign language competence examination, or by earning examination or course credit for the second semester of a foreign language or CS 1308 or CIS 1323. Completion of a competence examination will not satisfy degree requirements for collegiate course work in either foreign language or computer science.

R. Brown reported that he will recommend two assessment models for the General Education Core Curriculum: a portfolio and a senior interview. He will bring the proposal to the next meeting.

Off agenda:

- ✓ R. Brown invited the Council to attend the General Education Conference in SA in February. Interested Council members or alternates should contact him immediately.

- ✓ B. Brown asked if there was a standardized coding for state core curriculum?
R. Brown reported that TACRO (admissions and registrars) has recommended standardized coding.

Motion:

B. Brown makes a motion to adjourn. T. Mandeville seconds the motion. Meeting is adjourned at 4:45 p.m.