General Education Council
4.14.03
Minutes

Council present:
C. McCall-Education
L. Thomas-Health Professions
B. Melzer-Health Professions
D. Wiley-Education
T. Mottet-Fine Arts and Comm
V. Sriraman-Science
B. Stone-Applied Arts
S. Ogletree-Liberal Arts
D. Glassman-Chair Rep
Council absent:
J. Crawford-Chair Rep
D. Showalter-Business Admin
D. Flaherty-Business Admin
J. Garber-Liberal Arts
R. Whalin-Fine Arts and Comm
R. Northcutt-Science
J. Fischer-Student Rep
Guest:
R. Gratz

Meeting convened at 3:30 p.m.

Motion:
R. Brown asked for a motion to approve the minutes from January 27th. B. Melzer so moved. S. Ogletree seconds the motion. The January 27th minutes were approved as prepared.

Council reviewed the following timeline for the Coordinating Board Report:

April 14, 2003:	Establish Calendar
April 28, 2003	Appointment of Committee
Summer 2003	Committee Reviews Elements for Report
September 2003	Committee Preliminary Report to Council & Assessment Activities as appropriate
October 2003	Committee Makes Final Report to Council
November 2003	Editorial Committee Prepares Report
January 2004	Report Submitted to: Curriculum Committee, Faculty Senate, Council of Chairs, and Council of Deans
March 2004	Report Submitted to: VPAA and President
April 2004	Editorial Committee Submits revised report
Summer 2004	Report Prepared for Coordinating Board

September 15 Report Submitted to Coordinating Board

R. Brown has been collecting syllabi, portfolio assessment and writing samples.

The Committee to start working in the summer on the Coordinating Board elements, etc. for the report: B. Melzer, C. McCall, T. Mottet, and J. Crawford (still need a student if available)

Motion:
Adopt the timeline as tentative for the Coordinating Board Report as presented. D. Glassman so moved. D. Wiley seconds the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Dr. Gratz met with the Council to discuss how to deal with students who want to appeal a substitution in the core curriculum.
The discussion included:
-In the GECC a number of elements are fundamental
-A student wanting to appeal a substitution must have a certified disability
-Suggested that all substitutions should be done on a case by case basis
-The Council should have a future conversation about how they would deal with this issue if it comes up again
-Discussed the court case from Boston University
-Just wanted the Council to be aware of the situation and that the Council needs to have a future conversation
-Questions raised: If core curriculum is a fundamental requirement of the degree at this university--do we have the right to waive a course—(because if we start waving courses then we don't have a core curriculum requirement)
-In the spirit of working with students to help them meet the requirements a special section of Math 1316 where a student can get an incomplete and go at slower pace to pass was created
-Math and language tend to be the biggest barriers for students
-Get copy of case from Dr. Gratz for the Council
-Work with ODS, the whole Council would work with students on case by case basis to find ways for the students to meet the requirement as opposed to substituting courses
-Discuss this issue when we do the review for all components

Institutionally Designated Option Component
-After discussing the component presented to the Council it was decided that it should include a separate US 1100 criteria and PFW criteria with their own defining characteristics, definition and objectives—and make it a mandate
-Bring alternative component on 4.28.03

Meeting adjourned at 4:58 p.m.