

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2005-2006

Minutes of Meeting: 3/1/06, 2:00 p.m. in JB-276

Members Present: Susan Finsen—A&L; C.E. Tapie Rohm, Jr.—BPA; Sue Spitzer—ED; Stephen Kinzey (Chair)—NS; Allen Butt—SBS; Milton Clark—Admin.

Absent: Ruben Diaz—ASI (Student Representative)

The minutes of the February 1, 2006 meeting were reviewed.

M/S/P It was moved by Allen Butt and seconded by Susan Finsen and passed unanimously that the February 1, 2006 minutes be approved as submitted.

Old Business:

1. Presentation of the Response to “Policy Guidelines for the General Education Program” (Milton)

The committee decided since the State-wide system is looking at EO 595 for a major review as a whole, they would delay the discussion of our campus program until those changes are made. The committee thanked Milton for the comprehensiveness of the report; but since it appears major reviews of 595 may occur the other issues do not seem necessary at this time.

2. Other

Milton called a meeting of the Critical Thinking Committee and distributed the “Criteria for courses in the Basic Skills Category for Critical Thinking” statement that they approved with the changes that addressed the concerns the GE Committee asked them to review. The next step is to forward it to Lloyd Peake for Faculty Senate. Milton stated he should be held to a time line for processing a response to the committee.

Milton gave a brief background and said this statement would replace the current pages in the FSD 91-06.R3. Sue asked why the statement, “will have the ability to” is being used because they do not use that in the College of Education as it seems like it allows for a loophole. She said this seems to be more of an objective for the student rather than the course.

There was a brief discussion and the committee agreed her suggestions would improve the document and worked on clarifying the meaning of the document.

M/S/P It was moved by Milton Clark and seconded by Susan Finsen and passed unanimously that the GE Committee offer the revised Critical Thinking criteria statement to Faculty Senate in the form that was just agreed upon.

New Business:

1. GE Survey (Steve)
 - a. Objective: Determine responses to the survey

Background statement issued on the Campus GE Survey:

The CSU General Education Advisory Committee has been charged with giving advice to the chancellor concerning the system wide GE requirements (described in Executive Order 595), which has been in existence since 1993. As the CSU has entered into the 21st Century, it is a propitious time to examine whether CSU graduates are well-served by the current statewide CSU GE requirements.

The committee unanimously agreed upon the GE Committee's responses to the 35 questions. Steve will send the responses to Tapie for review of wording to be included in the comments.

Tapie will then forward the survey back to the Chair of the CSU GE Advisory Committee as the response from CSUSB's GE Committee.

Steve asked the committee to submit their spring schedules to Sharon scady@csusb.edu (she will send everyone a reminder).

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on **MONDAY, MARCH 13, 2006** at 2:00 p.m. in JB-276.

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