

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2002-2003

Minutes of Meeting: 6/4/03, 12:15 p.m. in JB-404

Members Present: C. E. Tapie Rohm Jr.—BPA (Chair), Milton Clark (Admin), Carol Haviland—A&L, Young Suk Hwang—ED, Stephen Kinzey—NS, Geri Stahley—SBS

Absent: Carol Haviland—A&L

Old Business:

There was a brief discussion of the INFO 102 and 103 courses approved earlier by the GE Committee. The Curriculum Committee has asked for a “review” of the courses to see how the Department of Information and Decision Sciences intends to fit the Natural Science requirement and because they feel it does not, may reject it.

This means it will go to the Faculty Senate for open discussion at the next meeting. Tapie apologized to Steve for the “heat” he took; but the consensus was that the decision by the GE Committee was based on the presentation made by each department at the meeting and no apologies were needed.

1. Review of Write Ups of the Social and Behavioral Sciences

The drafts of the courses to be reviewed are coming in and the second review by each member is almost completed.

Tapie said the final draft of the entire document will be completed by he and Milton Clark; and the committee will not have to hold another meeting to review the final draft of the report before it goes to Faculty Senate. The committee addressed most concerns and questions earlier, but if any arise, they can be addressed by e-mail.

2. G.E. Outcomes Assessment

Tapie said a sample boiler-plate model for faculty to add to their syllabus for the GE courses in this SBS review will be attached to the final document. Each faculty will be asked to add a statement to their syllabus that explains to the student what the course requirements are and what the student should expect from the course. Most of the reviews submitted have added that this is a requirement, and a general statement will be written into the final report that will go to Faculty Senate.

Tapie also mentioned that they will help create workshops next year to familiarize faculty with the new outcomes assessment requirements.

New Business:

Tapie said the first item for next year's agenda will be to check the new document on outcomes assessment, including the "boiler-plate" model for each course that is going to be on the Outcomes Assessment Web-site.

Milton Clark said the Critical Thinking Committee is looking at the Math Department courses because one of theirs is different from all other courses (Phil, Comm, Psych, Soc). They have asked for updated criteria for those courses because if we use the Chancellor's Office requirement, the Math department's courses will not fit.

Milton said John Sarli is on the Critical Thinking Committee and has agreed to approve the new document submitted by that committee which asks if the intent is illustrative or stipulative; the Math department objected to the new form, however they did settle on some criteria and Milton will forward that information to the GE Committee which can go to Faculty Senate if no objections.

He said the Chancellor's Office Executive Order of things to be in GE courses will include teaching students to do certain things.

The Faculty Senate Document says courses in Critical Thinking should do those things but the campus has used one that was not quite so restrictive. Some people wanted to revise it, but the Chancellor's Office says no because of reciprocity with other campuses system wide and even though there were some rejections, John Sarli did say he would approve the final document and if the GE Committee approves it, then Faculty Senate will use it.

1. Election of Chair for 2003-2004

Steve Kinzey moved/Milton Clark seconded/and the motion passed unanimously to elect Geri Stahley as the Chair of the GE Committee for 2003-2004.

Tapie thanked everyone for their hard work, time, and help over the last year. He stated that he is trying to get about 50% of students' degrees to be GE courses because this is probably going to be the system-wide standard.

He also mentioned that a new Executive Order is being considered that will require Information Literacy (computer) should be part of every campus's curriculum for each degree. The question was asked if there should be a test like EPT/ELM for high-school graduates. Tapie said it will likely become a new category.

A discussion followed about what the GE Committee will need to look at next year which included the following:

- Articulation among the system;
- The need for the GE Chair to be on the Faculty Senate Executive Committee;
- Writing Requirement needs to be reviewed;

Maintain the things we do for quality;
Admissions requirements to raise us to a higher tier (from 4 to 3);
Reconstruct SETEs.

These were just a few of the suggestions for the committee to consider.

Update as of 6/9/03: Sadly, Geri Stahley indicated that she will not be on the GE Committee next year and thus, is unable to serve as Chair.

Milton Clark and Young Suk Hwang have both nominated Tapie Rohm to serve as Chair. Tapie Rohm will be the chair for 2003-04.

The next committee meeting will be announced by the chair for Fall, 2003.

The meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

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