

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2005-2006

Minutes of Meeting: 6/14/06, 3:00 p.m. in JB-281

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)

Steve told the committee he would like the minutes to be reviewed later and then they will be sent to the committee for corrections and approval by e-mail.

Old Business:

1. Final discussion of the upper division writing proposal presented by Drs. Riefer and Morris.

After a short discussion, the committee felt since they have spent a lot of time trying to come up with solutions for the writing requirement not only this year, but previous years, they will discuss it again; however, the proposal presented will be rejected as submitted and the chair will notify Drs. Riefer and Morris about the decision and address their concerns.

Susan wanted to make sure that even though the committee is rejecting the proposal, the probability of looking at 306 next year will happen and added that the committee needs to find ways to strengthen writing and rethink the course and the test. All agreed, and this issue will be added to next year's agenda.

M/S/P It was moved by Milton Clark and seconded by Susan Finsen and passed (3 yes and 2 no) that the "Upper Division writing requirement and students' writing standards in general" proposal submitted by Dr. Teresa Morris and Dr. David Riefer will not be accepted.

New Business:

After discussions of each item, the following actions were taken:

1. Document # 05GE-150: PHYS 100, Physics in the Modern World, prerequisite change, CS# change.

The committee discussed the reasoning for this action and agrees with the justification submitted.

M/S/P It was moved by Tapie Rohm and seconded by Milton Clark and passed unanimously to approve Document # 05GE-150 as submitted.

2. Document # 05GE-151: ASTR 103, Descriptive Astronomy, prefix change, description change.

M/S/P It was moved by Susan Finsen and seconded by Allen Butt and unanimously passed to approve Document #05GE-151 as submitted.

3. Document # 05GE-152: ASTR 311, A Cosmic Perspective of Earth, prefix change, description change.

M/S/P It was moved by Allen Butt and seconded by Sue Spitzer and unanimously passed to approve Document # 05GE-152 as submitted.

4. Document # 05GE-175: FLAN 102, Language Study II, addition of topics.

M/S/P It was moved by Milton Clark and seconded by Tapie Rohm and passed unanimously to approve Document # 05GE-175 as submitted.

5. Document # 05GE-176: FLAN 150, International Language Study, addition of topics.

M/S/P It was moved by Allen Butt and seconded by Milton Clark and passed unanimously to approve Document # 05GE-176 as submitted.

6. Nomination and election of the committee chair to serve academic year 2006-2007.

M/S/P It was moved by Susan Finsen and seconded by Allen Butt and unanimously passed to elect Steve Kinzey as the chair of the University General Education Committee for the academic year 2006-07.

Steve accepted the position and thanked the committee for all their hard work this past year and stated he looks forward to working with everyone next year.

A brief discussion followed about how to go about handling all of GE next year and to start thinking about ways to accomplish these goals.

Tapie reported that the common GE courses bill has passed through the legislators; our Faculty Senate Chair sent five reasons we are against it; however, it probably will pass. The UC system is exempt from the decision.

Tapie noted that he sent the information on the new Education Doctorate to "Forum" which has some interesting wording, especially on dissertations. If anyone did not receive it, just let him know.

REMINDER: Please turn in your Fall 06 schedules to Sharon (scady@csusb.edu) so we can plan ahead for next year's meeting dates.

THANK YOU EVERYONE AND HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!!

The meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.