

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
2003-2004

Minutes of Meeting: 12/3/03, 11:00 p.m. in JB-404

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

Old Business:

1. Co-Chair

Tapie asked the committee if they would be in agreement to accept Steve Kinzey to serve as co-chair to the GE Committee. The request passed unanimously, and Steve agreed to serve. Tapie explained that because of his other duties as chair of Faculty Senate and serving on state-wide committees and because Steve was the only member returning from last year's committee, his help and input would be very valuable, especially with the amount of activity the committee will be involved in this year.

New Business:

1. Deletion of course PSCI 100

The change in the B.A. in Political Science to delete PSci 100 was unanimously approved by the committee. The justification as written on the proposal was explanation enough and no discussion was required.

2. Meeting time for Winter Quarter 2004

It was agreed that Monday's at 1:30 p.m. would work for the committee, and January 12 will be the first meeting of Winter Quarter 2004.

3. Other

Tapie said by sitting on state-wide committees, the two main items he is hearing about are: that they want to know what our students' should have (the tools required) when they leave here and the state wants to redo the GE package. If we can have that ready with our input, it would help prevent being "stuck" with the legislators' requirements.

Milton Clark will bring the committee up-to-date on the curriculum reviews and the college to be reviewed next.

Tapie asked if anyone is interested in attending the Outcomes Assessment Forum in Long Beach, March 4-6 at the Hilton. Susan Finsen said she would like to go as she is on the

Outcomes Assessment Committee. Tapie will go down at least one of the days. Arrangements can be made through Sandra Kamusikiri in Graduate Studies.

Tapie asked the committee what areas they would like to focus on in 2004 and they said they would like to see, among their regular course reviews and other tasks, the following items:

New documents as required on outcomes assessment. There was a brief discussion on outcomes assessment going across the entire curriculum. Tapie said Sandra will come back with updates; however, Tapie did say our campus is leading in this area, right now, state wide. He reminded the committee that an outcomes assessment statement is already required on all syllabi.

Ina said Education is already being asked to adopt the state requirements and have no choice in the matter. Tapie reaffirmed that if we don't develop what our campus wants, the legislators will do it for us, and it will be a boilerplate that will mean our campus will no longer be unique.

Susan said she would like to see basic skills and critical thinking issues discussed. She wants to look at students' needs when they graduate and how to promote it (given the politics on this campus)... quality more than numbers is the goal.

Ina said she works with undergraduates in the Liberal Studies area and problems are writing skills and how it will reflect on the education received when they are student teaching—if they can't write well or their skills are poor, how can we have quality teachers as the ultimate goal. It was agreed this is another label for critical thinking and the committee will review these items.

Steve said he is interested in adding a Tech Category, and Allen agreed, especially involving computer skills. There was a brief discussion about one of last year's proposals that will most likely come before the committee again.

Milton said he would like the committee to be involved in revising GE in general and develop a way to talk to students that don't understand the need for these courses. He also mentioned the Capstone courses need to be taught in smaller class sizes. Reducing the GE package may be possible or take some out and put others in their place.

The next committee meeting will be Monday, January 12, 2004, at 1:30 p.m. in JB-404 .

The meeting adjourned at 11:50 p.m.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS