

General Education Council Meeting Minutes

Date: October 1, 2008

Time: 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Location: LIB 224

Attendees: Danielle Rosenthal (Chair), Doug Harrison, Dayle Upham, Scott Karakas, Dean Stansel, Scott Anstadt, Marisa Ouverson
Excused: Margaret Cavin, Eric Otto, Halcyon St. Hill,
Absent: Melissa Liberman
Recorder: Danielle Rosenthal

Approval of Minutes: n/a

Agenda item I: Welcome new members & introductions

- **Discussion:** Danielle gave brief history, presented/referred to informational documents and websites
- **Action:** New members were informed of folder on marlin, Faculty Senate website, and will be provided with Council historical documents and Gen Ed Program overview document by email.

Agenda Item II: Election of 2008/2009 Chair

- **Discussion:** Danielle Rosenthal nominated Doug Harrison. No other nominations presented.
- **Action:** Council voted unanimously in favor of Doug Harrison

Agenda Item III: Set regular meeting day/time

- **Discussion:** Calendars were consulted
- **Action:** Next meeting will be on Thursday October 9, 12:30-2 p.m. location TBA. After next week's meeting, we will meet as per usual, every other week.

Agenda Item IV: Set priorities; discuss tasks/items for 2008/2009

- **General Education Course Criteria**
 - **Discussion:** Council discussed status of course criteria and policy document. Scott explained to Council that he is still getting paper copies of proposals and that there is a breakdown in the review process as paper and electronic copies abound.
 - **Action:** Members agreed it is priority to finalize the criteria at the next meeting. Council will not approve any new courses under old criteria. All current Gen Ed courses will have to undergo review this year to see if they meet the new criteria. Doug and Scott will get together with Tamera and Cathy Duff to help eliminate the inefficiency in process, Doug will get on UUCT agenda and Danielle will arrange for Doug's permissions on scns.
- **Diversity Proposal**
 - **Discussion:** Members reviewed status of proposal

- **Action:** and named proposal as priority for Fall 2008. Dean and Scott will get together with Doug to update on summer meeting work
- **Program Review**
 - **Discussion:** Members heard Scott's report and reviewed status
 - **Action:** Council named as priority to work with Scott's office for upcoming 7-year review.

Agenda Item V: Other business

- **JCTF Representative**
 - **Discussion:** Danielle mentioned that last year it was the Chair who filled this spot on the taskforce and has inquired with MaryAnne Zager to see if that is still the case.
 - **Action:** Doug has asked others to think about this spot, if we can use a rep instead of the Chair.
- **Innovation in General Education Faculty Course Grant Competition**
 - **Discussion:** Scott informed Council that this grant will be available the Fall. It is an opportunity for faculty to be awarded grant funding to create a new GE course.
 - **Action:** He will bring more information forth as he gets it.

Meeting adjourned: 11:15 a.m.