Members present: Allen, Anderson, Brown, Brumfield, Duffy, Fabiano, Feather, Henline, Kurtts, McCall, Newman, and Zarecki

Guests: Robert Hansen, Janeen Chastain, Cathryne Schmitz, Jay Parr, Beth Walker, Jody Natalle, and Regina Pulliam

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from August 27, 2014  
   Motion to approve minutes.  (Feather, Newman).  
   Minutes approved as written.

II. New Course Proposals

   PCS 205 Peace and Violence in the Modern World, requesting GL marker  
   PCS 212 Introduction to Peace and Conflict Studies, requesting GSB category designation  
   PCS 309 Conflict and Culture, requesting GN marker  
   WGS 250 Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies, requesting GSB category designation  
   HEA 201 Personal Health, requesting GSB category designation  
   HEA 260 Human Sexuality, requesting GSB category designation  
   MGT 301 Introduction to International Business, requesting GL marker

   PCS 205 - Sub-committee recommends approval of GL marker, with the suggestion to provide a greater explanation of how the assignments support the SLOs.  
   PCS 212 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation.  
   PCS 309 – Sub-Committee recommends approval of GN marker, pending revised proposal to include the GN SLOs in the summary, emphasis on the GN content of the course, and signature of Unit Curriculum Committee.  Motion to accept sub-committee recommendations (Kurtts, Anderson).  Motion approved.
   WGS 250 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation, pending submission of a revised proposal which emphasizes the SLOs in the summary (not LGs), and identify GSB SLOs on the syllabus. WGS 250 missed recertification last year.  Discussion followed concerning retroactive designation, this has not been a practice in the past, this would set a precedent.  There are no graduating seniors in the class this semester.  Motion to accept sub-committee recommendation (Anderson, McCall).  Motion approved.  Motion for retroactive approval to Fall 2014 (Kurtts, Feather).  Motion denied with seven no and two abstentions.
Discussion continued concerning notification of Recertification process.

HEA 201 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation
HEA 260 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation
Motion to accept sub-committee recommendations (Feather, Anderson). Motion approved.

MGT 301 – Sub-committee recommends non approval of GL marker. Resubmission should use current proposal form, use and address in the summary current SLOs, and a sufficiently detailed schedule of readings. Motion to call for resubmission of MGT 301 (Feather, McCall). Motion approved.
Chair will send detailed information to department regarding the proposals.

III. Suitability of BLS courses for General Education categories and markers

Chair advised there are several Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies (BLS) course proposals pending for GEC category and marker designations. There are no issues with the marker review, as the GL/GN markers do not need to be open to all students. One of the requirements for a General Education Category designation is that the course to be open to all undergraduate students regardless of major. The BLS proposals as presented, have as a pre-requisite, admission to the BLS Program, or another online degree completion program, which would seem to limit the enrollment to juniors and seniors. Jay Parr, BLS Program Manager, provided additional background regarding BLS courses. The courses will be offered to all students enrolled in online degree completion programs, once general registration begins, the remaining seats will be released to all juniors and seniors. The goal is to address the shortage of GEC courses that are available to online students. The population of online students is in direct competition with “traditional, main campus” students. There is a mentality that online degree completion programs are not to be in competition with community colleges for general education courses online, especially 100 and 200 levels. There was an underlying assumption that students would have all GEC requirements when entering the BLS program; the reality is that the students entering the online degree completion programs are not coming in with the needed general education credits. Discussion followed concerning registration issues for online students; restriction could be for BLS students only or with written permission; spring 2015, Faculty Senate approved online students to have priority registration this could resolve some of the problems. Discussion continued regarding possible options for registration and General Education courses for online degree completion programs students, as this is not an issue for just BLS students, it affects all online degree completion students (about 1000 students), possible shell courses (which would have to go through UCC for approval). General enrollment of BLS courses is made up of 50% non-majors. Request made for data, enrollment of seniors in online GEC courses. Discussion regarding tuition and fees. Ultimate question is does item #3 on the Gen Ed form preclude courses restricted to juniors and seniors? Motion to table discussion until next meeting (Newman, Anderson). Motion approved.
IV. Update on the VALUE Rubric Pilot program

Terry Brumfield advised General Education Assessment information was in Campus Weekly, and asked council members to review the power point and please respond to the survey (link provided). UNC General Education Council surveyed faculty and arrived at written communication and critical thinking, which we will pilot in the fall. Calibration training is critical to this process. Terry will attend the next UNC General Education meeting.

V. Information Items

Chair advised Mark Hens is working with the GNS sub-committee on the revised GNS SLOs. Hopefully they will be returned to council before the next meeting. Provost memo regarding curricular deadlines was sent to department heads; Chair advised that if members had not received it yet, please contact Chair and he will forward on. Chair advised that questions or concerns about deadlines should be referred to Chair.

Motion to adjourn (Kurtts, Feather).
Meeting adjourned at 10:30 am.