THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO
General Education Council

Meeting Minutes
December 3, 2014
9:00 – 10:30 AM • 2711 Moore Humanities and Research Building

Members present: Allen, Anderson, Brown, Brumfield, Carroll, Fabiano, Feather, Hansen, Harris, Houk, Henline, Kurtts, McCall, Newman, Pubantz, Sopper and Zarecki

Guests: Steve Yarbrough, Jim Boles, Esra Memili, Kim Cuny, Ben Ramsey, Spoma Jovanovich

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from October 8, 2014  Motion to approve minutes with correction.  (Feather, McCall). Minutes approved with change.

II. New Course Proposals

ENT/BUS 130 Entrepreneurship in a Sustainable Global Environment, requesting GL marker
ENT 342 International Entrepreneurship, requesting GL marker
ENT/BUS 201 Creativity, Innovation and Vision, requesting GSB category designation

ENT/BUS 130 - Sub-committee recommends approval of GL marker, pending resubmission of revised syllabus using SLO labels rather than LG labels.
ENT 342 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GL marker, pending resubmission of revised syllabus using SLO labels rather than LG labels.
ENT/BUS 201 – Sub-committee recommends approval of GSB category designation, pending resubmission of revised syllabus language using SLO labels rather than LG labels.
Motion to approve pending ENT/BUS 130, ENT 342, and ENT/BUS 201 (Anderson, McCall). Motion approved.
Chair will send detailed information to departments regarding the proposals.

III. Proposal to Establish a Communication in the Disciplines Program

Chair advised the Provost has assembled a Curriculum Streamlining Committee to look at course proposals. Bob Hansen, chair of Streamlining Committee provided an update. Committee hopes to provide recommendations to the Provost by mid spring. Ben Ramsey asked Council to hold off on any decision regarding CAC until after the Curriculum Streamlining Committee has discussed curricular changes further.
Chair advised current CAC proposal would significantly change Gen Ed, it is important
Council look at the proposal. Steve Yarbrough provided a brief history of CAC, and a summary of current CAC proposal. Discussion followed concerning ceilings on WI/SI courses, faculty workload, and assessment. SOE has in place an online portfolios system that addresses competencies, with a significant emphasis on communication, this proposal would work well with SOE portfolio system. Question posed, what problems are we trying to solve in putting forth a new plan for writing and speaking? Steve Yarbrough advised assessment is currently a problem, as well as enough WI/SI courses available for students (with current budget constraints), intentional learning, students just taking courses for marker. Discussion followed concerning registration issues, availability of GRD courses, and assessment in the discipline. This proposal would impact Honors College courses. There is an opportunity to create an assessment plan for WI/SI instruction. Discussion continued concerning funding, resources, and impact of CAC proposal on smaller departments. Motion to table CAC proposal with recommendation to form a sub-committee to study proposal further (Carroll, McCall). Motion approved.

IV. Electing a Chair for 2015-16

Chair requested council members send emails with recommendations for Chair. We would like to have someone in place by next semester.

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