THE UNIVERSITY OF NORTH CAROLINA AT GREENSBORO  
General Education Council

Meeting Minutes  
April 27, 2015  
2:00 – 3:30 PM • 1607 Moore Humanities and Research Building

Members present: Anderson, Brown, Brumfield, Carroll, Duffy, Feather, Harris Houk, Kurtts, Newman, Pettazzoni, Pubantz, Rychtar, Sopper, and Zarecki

Guests: David Carlone, Communication Studies

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from April 13, 2015. Motion to approve minutes. (Carroll, Newman). Minutes approved.

II. Revised SLOs for GPR

Chair advised SLOs for GPR were approved pending (4/13/15 meeting) clarification of the relationship of SLOs to LGs. As of this meeting, no additional information received. Chair will contact ad hoc committee for clarification.

III. Reserving Sections of Large Gen Ed Courses for Particular Constituencies

Chair advised, some of the large courses with multiple sections have reserved sections for particular constituencies such as Honors, Residential Colleges, etc. John Sopper provided an explanation of shell courses and Jerry Pubantz provided information regarding Honors courses. Discussion followed concerning the availability of general education courses. Courses should be open to all students, but not every section need be open, if a few sections are reserved and the course has many sections, this would not be a SASCOC violation. Chair advised this is more of an informational item for council.

IV. Review of Council By-Laws and Procedures

Chair reviewed the charge to the General Education Council; advised committees are required to review bylaws and procedures every year and asked council to review the Gen Ed section in the Curriculum Guide and provide recommendations. Discussion followed concerning language regarding posting of council items, voting members. Suggestion made to clean up language pertaining to posting of council information, composition, (there are ten voting members plus chair). Discussion continued concerning current Right of Appeal language, as there is no appeal procedure for approved courses. Motion to revise Right of Appeal language to state: “The General Education Council shall grant the privilege of appeal of its decisions in accordance with the
following procedure:

A. At a meeting of the Council subsequent to the one at which a curricular decision was passed, but within six months of the Council’s decision, the sponsor or sponsors of the proposal in question shall appear before the Council to appeal.

B. If from the discussion of the appeal it appears that the issue cannot be settled by further negotiation, and if the appeal receives at least 3 affirmative votes, the chair of the Council shall form an Ad Hoc Committee of undergraduate program directors or coordinators to consider the appeal and make a recommendation to the Council.

C. The recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee shall be voted on at the meeting immediately following the submission of the Committee’s recommendation. In the event of a tie vote, the chair shall not exercise his or her vote but shall instead forward the Ad Hoc Committee’s recommendation to the Faculty Senate.

D. Upon the Senate's agreeing to discuss the recommendation, the sponsor or sponsors of the appeal shall represent the affirmative before the Faculty Senate and support motions for the adoption of the recommendation. The chair of the Council, or members designated by the Council shall represent the decision of the Council.

Note: This appeals procedure defines the role of the Council; it does not preclude or supersede any appeals or review procedure established by the Faculty Senate.” (Carroll, Feather) Motion approved. Chair will make recommended revisions to the Curriculum Guide and forward to council for review.

V. Proxies and Meeting Attendance

Chair stressed importance of meeting attendance. Discussion followed concerning teaching schedules, alternatives to face to face meetings, should council members find a replacement?

Chair thanked everyone for their service and the ex-officios for their attendance.

Motion to adjourn (Feather, Newman).
Meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm