



**General Education Curriculum Committee
Meeting of November 8, 2006 – 3:00 p.m.**

Minutes

Attending (Voting Members): Batchelor, Black, Boyd, Busch, Crim, Futrell, Howarth, Johnson, Schultz, Swanson, Tyler, B. Williams, W. Williams; *(Nonvoting):* Billingsley, Dablow, Dietrich

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of October 12, 2006 were approved.

Course Proposal Update

Two course proposals have been received and at least one more is expected. If only three are received they will be circulated and considered by the full committee.

Assessment Update

A meeting was held with math to discuss and plan assessing math next semester. An internal trial of some sort is likely this semester to help set the course for assessment this spring.

CD Credit Issues

A course proposal from the business school seeks CD2 designation. It is being offered for the first time this spring. Typically, courses submitted by Nov. 15 and approved by January are first eligible to count for general education designation in the summer term. Is it possible or desirable to pursue granting cultural diversity designation to this course so that students enrolled this spring will receive such credit?

1. Why bother? If students are enrolling in the course without thinking that they are earning general education credit, what is the point of getting them general education credit?
2. May be much easier to grant the credit now and apply it to all of those enrolled than to deal with multiple petitions from the students a year from now.

Motion Passed: Agree in principle that the general education curriculum committee, when considering this course from the business school for approval, can pursue granting cultural diversity credit where and when they deem appropriate.

A second issue concerning cultural diversity concerns a student who studied abroad in Japan, has enough credit hours to graduate but lacks one cultural diversity course. The student feels very strongly that the study abroad experience should count as his cultural diversity requirement.

Motion Passed: Studying abroad for this student fulfills the cultural diversity requirement and this student should be allowed to graduate.

CD Curriculum Development Committee and GECC Proposal Approval Timeline

The CD curriculum development committee, a committee to help instructors design courses to fit well with cultural diversity, does not operate on the same calendar as the general education approval timeline. Project courses are generally complete by the spring term, but the course

approval cycle will not bring the course up for review until the following fall, and the endorsement itself does not appear in the course inventory file until the summer after review, more than a year after the course development is finished. Is the course approval cycle artificial and can it be modified?

New Business

Unmet Demand – Boyd Bradshaw, assistant Provost for Student Enrollment Services, has been asked to find out how many juniors and seniors still need to fulfill certain general education requirements. This effort may be incapable of dealing with transfer students and therefore overestimate the number of students that still need general education credit but it should help as a starting point to addressing the issue of unmet demand.

Some data regarding unmet demand is posted at (2006 Fall is most recent/pertinent):
<https://docushare.louisville.edu/dsweb/View/Collection-1157>

Adjourn 3:25

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