

**General Education Curriculum Committee
Meeting of May 12, 2006 – 11:30 a.m.**

Minutes

Attending (Voting Members): Allen, Berman, Black, Brown, Crim, Gray, Nahata, Schultz, Tyler, B. Williams, W. Williams; *(Nonvoting):* Bachelor, Carden, Cunningham, Dietrich, Mahony
(Guests): Katherine Taylor

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of March 3, 2006 were approved.

Report on Assessment Process

B. Williams reported on the second semester of readings. A total of 182 readings covered three competencies (critical thinking, effective communication, and cultural diversity) for Anthropology, Health & Sport Sciences, Sociology, and Pan-African Studies. In preparation for the September SACS report, the numbers will be evaluated over the summer and combined with the data collected in January. There are implications for the cultural diversity competency. In the fall, readings are targeted for Philosophy, Women and Gender Studies, Modern Languages, and upper-level English courses. Also, the Mathematics assessment rubric will be discussed. Next spring, the focus will be on the Natural Sciences disciplines. Michelle Bachelor was applauded for her work regarding the assessment process.

Change in CD Designation for Nursing Course

Bays reported on curriculum changes in the School of Nursing that will impact a cultural diversity course designation. Effective Fall 2006, NURS 340 (a CD1 course**) will no longer be offered. The content will be divided into 3 separate courses, specifically Nursing 341, 342, and 343. The NURS 341 course will retain the previously approved cultural diversity content from Nursing 340 but will reflect a title change. The GECC had no problem with these changes, which affect Nursing students only.

*Kathy Carden will follow up on the status of the CIF paperwork (which bypassed her signature) and make changes to the official general education listing for university-wide distribution.

**Coding correction to letter of intent regarding Nursing curriculum changes.

Report on Blackboard Caliper Project

Brown reported on her involvement with the Blackboard Caliper Project chat system– an attempt to make Blackboard accommodating to all systems. On May 16, she'll participate in an on-line demo for course evaluations. Meanwhile, she continues to talk up Live Text, projecting that outcomes assessment will surpass the current Blackboard system. As she phases off of the general education curriculum committee, questions can be directed to the chair.

Election of GECC Chair for 2006-2007

Bronwyn Williams was re-elected as Chair of the GECC.

Pending Issues

W. Williams requested an update on the course demands issue, in follow up to Billingsley's request for additional data. Carden reminded the committee of the frequency of offerings issue.

Thanks to Outgoing Members

All outgoing members (Ann Allen, Sherri Brown, Babu Nahata, David Swanson, Alicia Paez and Ben Moore) were thanked for their term of service. Also, Kathy Carden was recognized and presented with a gift for her long-term staffing service to the committee.

The committee adjourned at 12:45 p.m.

Prepared by Chris Cunningham/Kathy Carden