

General Education & Diversity Committee
January 19, 2010
Submeet & Confer Notes

Present: Steven Gilbert, Rachelle Touponce, Jose Javier Lopez, Patrician Hoffman, Brian Martensen, Gina Wenger, Buddhadev Roychoudhury, Kimberly Contag, Marcius Brock

The meeting began at 2:00 pm.

General Education Competencies Revision process: An email was distributed to the committee from a faculty member regarding the issue (distributed in previous minutes) of potential changes to Category 1 competencies. These changes are not yet proposed, but once they are, we should make sure to be inclusive of the campus as a whole and not just those currently in the category.

Assessment Revision: We have had some difficulty scheduling a meeting with Jackie Lewis for input on our suggestions for revising the assessment of Gen. Ed. (GECCEIGs). The chance of any revision happening in time for next year is slim. As such, we should plan later this year to begin the next year's GECCEIG. Lynne Akey is back next year and may provide additional input. Program Review and Assessment needs to be included so we will try again to schedule a meeting.

Gold Courses in Bulletin: Should there not be enough Gold courses for next year, we should perhaps delay again the full implementation. There appears to be a typo in the bulletin in that the committee voted that full implementation was not to occur until 2011-2012, but the bulletin seems to indicate it is to occur in 2010-2011. We need to make sure next years bulletin reflects the proper implementation schedule.

The Gold workshop conducted last week (at Professional Development Day) had 15-20 attendees in each session, although not everyone was creating a Gold course. The impression is that not many are near the end of creating a Gold course, but rather just beginning the process. We should perhaps do more workshops as people move further in the creation process. The rubrics are now up on the CDS to aid in course proposals.

Honor's Motion: The following motion passed:

Given that a proposed Honors section of an existing General Education or DCGR course is not seeking further General Education review (i.e., it is not seeking evaluation and approval of whether it meets General Education or DCGR requirements), the General Education & Diversity Committee does not see its role or function in reviewing Honors section proposals of already-approved General Education & DCGR courses. If a proposed Honors section substantially altered the course content and/or teaching methods of a General

Education or DCGR course, then such a review would be warranted. However, such review would be limited to determining if the proposed Honors section remained a General Education Ed or DCGR course, rather than whether it met criteria for an Honors section, determination of which is not the mission and evaluative scope of the General Education & Diversity Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:56 pm.

Respectively submitted by
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