

General Education & Diversity Committee
January 26, 2010
Approved Minutes

Present: Steven Gilbert, Patrician Hoffman, Jose Javier Lopez, Brian Martensen, Gina Wenger, Buddhadev Roychoudhury, Rachelle Toupenca

The meeting began at 2:03 pm.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of the December 4th, 11th and January 12th meetings were approved.

Committee Charge: The committee charge was distributed (see attached). Paragraph 3 does indicate that changes to the competencies would initiate in this committee, resolving a question raised in our last meeting.

Course Proposals: Proposals 1331, 1334, 1336, 1338, 1340, 1342, 1344, 1349, 1351, 1352 and 1354 all were request to allow the 0-credit option. As far as Gen. Ed. this is a non-issue and gained tentative approval. The issue was brought up regarding whether the department was aware of the effects on load for their faculty. An email will be sent to that department as courtesy before we approve to make sure they are aware.

Proposals 947, 949, 951, 1312 and 1313 were approved. Proposal 649 was resubmitted and the committee would like a further revision detailing the sequence of events that lead to approval of an interview subject for the experience component of a Gold course. The approval must happen before the student initiates contact. Rachelle agreed to contact the proposer directly. Proposal 1054 was asked for a revision that links the Gold goals with the course content and provides examples. Categories 7 and 8 for that course were tentatively approved.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Brian F. Martensen

General Education and Diversity Committee Charge

(Revised Oct, 2007)

~~Article XIII, and Amendments Section 2 Bylaw 5 of the Minnesota State University Faculty Association's Constitution and Bylaws was amended in March, 2003 to include the following General Education Committee Charge. amended in March, 2007 to rename the General Education Sub-Meet and Confer Committee to the General Education and Diversity Sub-Meet and Confer Committee (hereinafter referred to as the General Education and Diversity Committee). The following Committee Charge is hereby adopted to implement the intent of the name change.~~

The General Education and Diversity Committee shall approve new courses and proposed changes in existing courses which ~~have been previously approved as courses by UCAP and~~ are either currently part of the Minnesota State University, ~~Mankato~~ Mankato's General Education curriculum or Diversity curriculum or have been proposed for inclusion in the General Education curriculum or the Diversity curriculum. In addition, the General Education and Diversity Committee will supervise General Education and Diversity assessment and review Minnesota transfer curriculum requirements designated as General Education.

The General Education and Diversity Committee is also responsible for initiating, reviewing, revising and implementing General Education Curriculum and Diversity Curriculum guidelines and related General Education or Diversity undergraduate curriculum policy.

As the General Education and Diversity curricula ~~is~~ are an integral ~~part~~ parts of the overall curriculum of the University, the General Education and Diversity and UCAP committees are expected to work closely with one another.

The General Education and Diversity Committee will ~~set up~~ establish regular meeting days and ~~time after the committee has been established~~ times for each semester at the first committee meeting of each semester.

The chair of the General Education and Diversity Committee is a member of the Faculty Association Executive Committee. ~~The Executive Committee generally meets on Thursday @ 3:00 p.m. monthly.~~

Source: ~~Memorandum from Donna Bloom, 2/23/03—Nominations for the Standing Committee of General Education~~