

**General Education & Diversity Committee**  
**February 9, 2010**  
**Approved Minutes**

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

The meeting began at 2:02 pm.

**Diversity Commission:** Steve attended the President's Commission on Diversity Meeting this morning and updated the committee on the event. Steve presented some information about the Purple/Gold requirement implementation. Most of the discussion focused on Gold courses. So far, we have 5 Gold courses approved and 7 in the revision process. Generally, the commission expressed interest in helping get Gold courses up and running. Some mention was made of incorporating the various diversity dinners into a Gold course and some suggestions for community involvement were given. The general consensus seemed to be that criteria 1B in the Gold rubric was important. Also, the possibility of 1-credit Gold courses was raised. There is nothing that prevents such courses and students would need a total of 3 Gold credits.

**CDS Workshop/UCAP update:** In response to our inquiry, the CDS workgroup confirmed that a proposal sent back for revision, must then filter entirely through the system again. As such, minor clarifications/additions should be approved with a comment by the chair describing the change. More substantive changes should be sent back through all groups. It should be the case that the need for many revisions will be eliminated once we change the structure of a Gold course submission that provides a text box for each goal area with instructions on linking to course content and providing examples. This will appear next year (and the rubric is linked to as well). We may additionally wish to emphasize the faculty oversight aspect (rubric item 1B) as a checkbox with separate description in the CDS.

Some concern was expressed over the amount of time proposers have to revise. Many submit early in the cycle, but proposals are not handled by curriculum committees and UCAP in the order received. It would be nice to get proposals (especially Gold courses) to our committee quickly.

**Course Proposal:** In light of the information about the revision process, the committee decided to approve proposal #649 and add information in the comment box that information was added to the syllabus indicating the faculty member would oversee the choice of subject *prior* to contact.

**Other items:** A question was raised as to whether a student receives credit for Gold for a course they are currently enrolled in if that course is made Gold at a later date. The DARS system would probably not recognize such a change and a course substitution would be necessary as is the case for a course added to a Gen. Ed. category.

We should probably beginning planning next year's GEICIG as the assessment process will not be revised this year. Two members will have to volunteer to shepherd the process.

Gina has Jackie Lewis' schedule for possible meeting times regarding assessment revision. She will check with Kim Contag as to which of those times she can meet. The committee members submitted schedules to Gina and she will attempt to pick a time at which the majority of the committee can attend.

The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectively submitted by  
Brian F. Martensen