

General Education & Diversity Committee
February 2, 2010
Approved Minutes

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

The meeting began at 2:02 pm.

Deadlines: The deadline for proposals entering the CDS is this Friday (Feb. 5th). They must filter to us and we must approve by March 5th if they are to make catalog copy. Some concern was expressed that some proposals might make it through UCAP during that week in March and we will not have time to approve. Brian agreed to check with UCAP and/or admin on this possibility. Also, any changes to the Gen. Ed. guidelines in the bulletin need to be in by that same Friday. Each member is asked to review those guideline in the next few weeks.

Engineering Gen. Ed.: Engineering applied for a waiver in Gen. Ed. to meet the 120-credit cap, which came before our committee last fall (and was approved here). The request is in MNSCU currently. Some concern was expressed by members of UCAP that the reduced Gen. Ed. requirements of various engineering department is not kept up to date and may contain courses no longer in existence. Additionally, the question arose as to whether any assessment takes place or if the Gen. Ed. committee should at least be made aware of their policies. We may add this to the agenda in late March or April and request some information from engineering for the purpose of understanding the policy of each department.

College Access Program email: An email was forwarded to the committee from the IFO regarding the reorganization of CAP. The issues in that email do not fall under the charge of this committee.

Course Proposals: The committee agreed (last week) to tentatively approve the requests of several courses from Music to allow a student to sign up under the 0-credit option. As a courtesy, we are checking with them on a technicality regarding a potential unintended consequence (which has no effect on Gen. Ed.). Approval will be made once we hear back from that department. Proposals 971 and 988 were approved. Proposal 1054 was asked to spell out the approval process for the experience component of a Gold course. Additionally, the revised file submitted needs to be added to the CDS. There may be a technical issue here. Brian will check with CDS on how revisions can best be handled so that a proposer would not be starting over for minor changes. Proposal 702 from last year was never officially resubmitted, although we have some documentation sent to us via email. We cannot take action until in shows back up in CDS. Proposal 1466 was asked to provide some details on the oversight of the approval process for the Gold experience and also asked to provide a linkage between the goals of a Gold course with the content of the course and provide examples.

Program Review and Assessment: We continue to attempt to arrange a meeting with PRA. They cannot make our regular meeting time. Gina will find out what time works best for them and we will arrange our schedules to meet.

The meeting adjourned at 3:04 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Brian F. Martensen