

General Education & Diversity Committee
February 23, 2010
Approved Minutes

Present: Steven Gilbert, Jose Javier Lopez, Brian Martensen, Buddhadev Roychoudhury , Rachelle Toupenca,

The meeting began at 2:03 pm.

Student Appeal: Student appeal (0771) was denied. The request was for substitution of a Category 10 course. The committee would be willing to accept the substitution for a Category 8, but the environmental issues of Cat. 10 are present in the appeal.

Review Teams for Course Proposals: Next week we will review a large number of proposals. They are assigned according to the following "teams:"

Brian & Bud: #541, 677, 1119
Jose & Rachelle: #841, 842, 876, 1091
Gina, Patty, Steve: #1467, 1425, 1627, 957

Proposal #649 was reviewed and tentatively approved once some language is added clarifying the timeline for selection of interviewees so that faculty oversight is attained. Additionally, the committee would like to remind the proposer to be explicit in the syllabus as to how the writing requirement will be met. An email will be sent to the proposer conveying these issues.

MNSCU memo on the Minnesota Transfer Curriculum (MTC): MNSCU has reviewed the courses in our Gen. Ed. and compiled a list of courses that should perhaps be left out of the MTC. For each course, there is indication as to which rule of the MTC the course may be violating. This process happens every few years and the University is to respond by either agreeing to remove the course or making a case for each course's inclusion. Some responses can probably be handled wholesale (like the fact that our Category 1C is already not part of MTC). Others may require departments to respond. Kim Contag is working on this and we will continue to work with her on it after Spring Break and we have more information on the process. MSU Mankato's response is due early in the fall. The memo will be forwarded to Don Larsson so that he is aware this process is taking place.

The meeting adjourned at 2:58 pm.

Respectively submitted by
Brian F. Martensen