

**General Education & Diversity Committee**  
**October 9, 2009**  
**Approved Minutes**

**Present:** Steven Gilbert, Rachelle Toupençe, Hahn-Huy Phan, Patrician Hoffman, Brian Martensen, Gina Wenger

The meeting began at 8:08 am.

**Assessment:** Steve invited Jackie Lewis and Mike Miller (Program Review and Assessment). We have had some problem with arranging schedules so that everyone can meet. The resistance to folding into program review may be a language issue related to how we originally phrased our suggestion. Some concern is being expressed that Gen. Ed. will not be adequately addressed. However, a template/tool would have to be provided that departments would have to address during program review. Such a template would exist under any revised system. Each committee member is asked to solicit input from each of their colleges on how assessment of their gen ed courses could best be done.

**Agenda for Submeet & Confer:** Next week is a submeet & confer with Kim Contag. The majority of the meeting will be on the CETL Workshops for creating Gold courses. Admin. has suggested a non-duty day using the Valley Writing workshops as a model. We will clarify as to whether this means a stipend would be involved. Another option would be Professional Development Day. Rachelle will talk to Stewart Ross about these workshops and email the committee any information about the workshops. Also, Julie Carlsen is submitting to us her proposal for how these workshops might run.

The only other item on the agenda at the point is the memo from CSET Curriculum regarding and open discussion of Gen. Ed.'s role in the 120-credit conversion.

**CDS Workgroup:** Brian attended the CDS workgroup meeting last week. Most of the issues coming down the pipe deal with programs and curriculum. Therefore, we may not see many course proposals for a while. The request to make courses searchable by category type (e.g. Gold, Purple, etc) was forwarded to the team, although it may take some time to implement due to some larger issues currently under development.

**Other items:** An email from Academic Affairs was sent to the committee requesting the status on three course appeals, two of which we had already decided. Apparently, we were not signing the actual appeals (but copies instead) and so cases were not being closed. Brian will go sign these two appeals. On the third appeal, we will contact the department to see if they support the appeal.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.

Respectively submitted by  
Brian F. Martensen