

General Education & Diversity Committee
November 13, 2009
Approved Minutes

Present: Steven Gilbert, Patrician Hoffman, Brian Martensen, Rachelle Touponce , Gina Wenger

Visiting: Heather Camp

The meeting began at 8:04 am.

Student Appeals: Two student appeals were under consideration. The first appeal (7302) was an error resulting from an advising error during a change in major and a supporting letter was included from the advisor. The appeal was approved. The second appeal (4942) did not include a DARS report or a supporting letter. We will contact the individual and request these materials.

Course Proposals: Proposal #492 was previously approved (paper version), but has just now shown up on CDS. Steve will electronically sign off on it. Proposal #1286 was approved for Purple status. Some discussion over #1070 took place, but due to some time constraints, the proposal was tabled until our next meeting (excluding the submeet).

Revision of Category 1A Competencies: Heather Camp visited the committee and related the English department's desire to change the 1A competencies. They are interested in moving to a model (similar to SDSU) that has built in assessment each semester and they feel some revision of these competencies could greater enhance their ability to assess and make sure that each competency is assessable and worthwhile. A potential revision was distributed (see attached slide presentation). The committee felt that a change such as that revision would easily meet the MNSCU Transfer Curriculum competencies and encouraged the English department to move forward. English will be undergoing a pilot study before submitting its final recommendation for the revised competencies.

This committee's largest concern is procedural. We could change the competencies by submitting them to a submeet, which would then go a Meet & Confer of Exec. Since this issue affects the MNSCU transfer curriculum, one of the committees up there would have to approve it as well. We will check with Academic Affairs on this procedure and ask if Heather can be invited to our submeet next week to discuss the procedure.

The meeting adjourned at 8:56 am.

Respectively submitted by
Brian F. Martensen