

General Education Committee

November 23, 2009 – HUB 123

MINUTES

Present: Lourdes Aviles, Samuel D. Brickley II (Chair), Mary E. Campbell (consultant, non-voting), Christopher C. Chabot, Corey J. DeGroot (student, voting), Annie Gagne (student, voting), Wilson A. Garcia, Elliott G. Gruner, David Zehr [eight voting members]

Excused: Jong-Yoon Kim

Vacant: Dean of the Academic Experience

Presenter: Vedran Lelas

Recorded in the order in which the agenda item was discussed. Sam Brickley called the meeting to order at 2:30 pm.

1. **Approval of November 9th minutes.** *Approved by general consent.*
2. **Course Proposals**
 - a. Early and Standard Review (tabled from October 26th):
 - BIDI 1500 The Wonderful Stuff: RNA, DNA, and Life (experimental SIDI). *Approved 8-0-0-1.*
 - b. Early Review (approved); sunset date is 5/2014:
 - CH 3460 Physical Chemistry II (sunset WRCO)
 - MT 2800 Climatology (sunset GACO)
 - MT 3710 Climatology (sunset WRCO)
 - BU 1100 Business Computer Applications (sunset TECO)
 - BUDI 2650 Career Exploration (sunset SSDI)
 - ENDI 1450 The Outsider (sunset SSDI)
 - ENDI 1500 The Contemporary American Male: His Issues, His Desires (sunset SSDI)
 - EN 2500 Studies in English (sunset WRCO)
 - EN 3090 Technical Communication (sunset TECO)
 - EN 3500 Currents in Global Literature (new GACO); new course number is EN 3510
 - IS 3530 Exploring Contrasts: Classic vs. Romantic (sunset INCO)
 - ME 3500 Technology for Music Educators (sunset TECO)
 - THDI 1300 The Theatrical Experience (sunset CTDI)
 - TH 2230 American Musical Theatre (sunset DICO) (sunset WRCO)
 - THE 3930 American Drama (sunset DICO) (sunset WRCO)
 - PS 3190 Development and Understanding (sunset WECO)
 - SW 3460 Human Diversity and the Social Environment (sunset DICO)
 - SW 3500 Health and Society (sunset GACO) (sunset WECO)
 - c. Early Review (not approved):
 - BU 2240 Business Statistics (sunset QRCO). *Approved 8-0-0-1.* Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - EN 3090 Technical Communication (sunset WRCO). *Approved 8-0-0-1.* Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - SW 4550 Social Work Seminar (sunset WRCO). *Approved 8-0-0-1.* Sunset date is 5/2014.
 - d. Standard Review:

None.

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3. Reports

- a. GACO Faculty Focus Group--update (Brickley). Sam reported that it went well. He thanked Lourdes for scribing the session; her report will be ready at the beginning of February 2010. Some GACO instructors said the time (9-10 am on a Tuesday) was tough; it covered two class periods. Perhaps focus groups could be offered at two different times (a Monday regular class period and a Tuesday regular class period, for example), which would accommodate more who would like to attend. Perhaps those who could not attend could e-mail their comments which would be appended to the notes taken by the scribe. Some in attendance had questions on the procedures, e.g., forms, but the discussion was kept to GACO. Next semester the focus group will be on Past and Present Directions (PPDI).
- b. Actions of the Curriculum Committee That Affect General Education Courses (Campbell). Mary reported on the changes in prerequisite, credits, description, discipline and title of courses with General Education attributes that have been approved by the Curriculum Committee. The Committee moved to adopt the report as presented and to continue the General Education status. *Approved 8-0-0-1.*

4. Announcements.

None.

Chris asked if the Committee would be having a retreat in January. Do we want one? Members can e-mail Sam with potential topics for our spring agenda of assessment, e.g., the questions asked on the Gen Ed evaluations. He will put these on the December 14th agenda, when the Committee will decide if it wants to have a retreat in January. Committee members were asked to bring their calendars to the December 14th meeting.

- **November 30th** is the deadline for early review.
- **December 7th** is the deadline for standard review and for any requests for a one year extension of the sunset date.

The General Education Committee meets on the second and fourth Mondays of the month from 2:30 to 3:30 pm in HUB 123. The next meeting of the Committee will be **December 14th**.

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary E. Campbell, Scribe
Director of Curriculum Support

These minutes were approved December 14, 2009.

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Sunset date that has been extended one year by the Associate Vice President for Undergraduates Studies:

AHDI 1210 Exploring Art: Revelations and Revolutions (PPDI)
BIDI 1400 Plagues and Peoples (PPDI)
IS 4160 The Ice Age (INCO)
PYDI 1200 Introduction to God (PPDI)
PY 2200 Ideas of the Old Testament (GACO)
PY 2210 New Testament Thought (GACO)

Courses with 5/2010 sunset dates that must be submitted **no later than December 7, 2009:**

3 Art Department courses
1 Biological Sciences Department course
7 Communication and Media Studies Department courses
1 Criminal Justice Department course
1 English Department course
3 Environmental Science and Policy Department courses
3 Health and Human Performance Department courses
3 Interdisciplinary Studies courses
13 Languages and Linguistics Department courses
5 Mathematics Department courses
4 Philosophy Department courses
2 Psychology Department courses
5 Social Science Department courses
1 Women's Studies course