General Education Council Meeting Minutes
Weds., Jan. 26, 2011, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, University College, Room 122

Attendees: Beth Daniell (HSS; English); Edward Eanes, (Arts; Music); Neysa Figueroa (HSS: Foreign Languages); Keisha Hoermann (UC; First Year Programs); Amy Howton (HHS; HPS); Matt Laposata (SCM; Biology); Tim Mathews (COLES; Economics/Finance); Sandra Parks (Arts; TPS); Jan Phillips (HHS; Communication); Marie Powell (SCM; Mathematics); Terry Powis (HHS; Anthropology); Tom Pynn (HSS; Philosophy); Masako Racel (HSS; History); Kristen Seaman (Arts; Visual Arts); Bruce Thomas (SCM; Mathematics); David Thompson (UC; First Year Programs); Linda Treiber (HHS; Sociology & Criminal Justice); Val Whittlesey (Academic Affairs; Nonvoting)

Guests: Tom Pusateri (CETL), John Smith (Registrar)

1. Approval of GEC Nov. 18 Meeting Minutes
   • There was motion, second and positive vote to approve the minutes.
2. GEC Representatives- Elected, Selected, or Appointed
   Val indicated that a few GEC members have not responded to the faculty senate’s request on GEC membership for the faculty handbook. She asked those representatives who have not responded to please do so.
3. Review of the Core Curriculum Proposal
   • GEC members reviewed the new core curriculum documents listed below:
     o KSU learning outcomes
     o KSU overlay requirements
     o New course proposals for GEOG 1112, GEOG 1113, and CRJU 2105
   Val will submit the materials above to the USG General Education Council after the proposal has been reviewed by Interim Provost Harmon. The materials will be submitted by Feb. 7 in order to make the Feb. 21 meeting.
   • Beth distributed the KSU Regent’s test exemption proposal draft. Tom suggested that the communications learning outcomes on page 2 be changed to the new A1 learning outcomes (production of written communication and reading comprehension) that are part of KSU’s new core curriculum proposal. Beth asked everyone to send her edits to the draft. The revised proposal will receive a first review at the Feb. 16 meeting.
4. AAC&U Gen. Ed. for Global Century Project
   • Val reviewed the deliverables for the project:
     o Ning Social Networking Community
     o Global Learning Inventory and Template- Inventory is due March, 2011
     o Campus Action Plan- Draft is due June, 2011
     o Attend Summer Institute
     o Campus Action Plan- Final Report is due Spring, 2012
   Members of the KSU AAC&U team will update GEC members throughout the project.
5. Discussion of GEC Timeline Draft
   • Discussion of this item was delayed to the February meeting.
6. Social Issues Course Description
   • The new language for the first sentence of the Social Issues course description is: “Students will critically examine world social issues from the social science perspective of (add discipline here). (Additional discipline specific sentences can be added after the first sentence.)”

The meeting was adjourned.