General Education Council Meeting Minutes
Weds., Oct. 20, 2010, 3:30 – 5:00 pm, University College, Room 127

Attendees: Margaret Baldwin (COA; Theatre, Performance Studies and Dance), Marla Bell for Bruce Thomas (SCM; Math & Statistics), Joy Brookshire (SCM; Biology & Physics), Beth Daniell (HSS; English), Luc Guglielmi (HSS: Foreign Languages), Amy Howton (HHS; HPS), Corrine McNamara (HSS; Psychology), Huggins Msimanga (SCM; Chemistry), Michael Patrono (COLES; Finance), Jan Phillips (HHS; Communication), Marie Powell (SCM; Math & Statistics), Terry Powis (HHS; Anthropology), Masako Racel (HSS; History), Kristen Seaman (Arts; Visual Arts), Vanessa Slinger-Friedman (HHS; Geography & Anthropology), David Thompson (UC; First Year Programs), Linda Treiber (HHS; Sociology & Criminal Justice), Maurice L. Wilson (BCOE; Elementary and Early Childhood); Val Whittlesey (Academic Affairs; Nonvoting)

 Guests: Keisha Hoerrner (UC First Year Programs), Leigh Funk (EIM), Tom Pusateri (CETL), John C. Smith (Registrar), Thierry Leger (CHSS)

1. Approval of GEC Minutes
   • September 15- There was motion, second and positive vote to approve the minutes with the correction that the word “changed” be edited to “changes” in the 3rd line of #2.
   • October 13- There was a motion, second, and positive vote to approve the minutes with the addendum of correcting the subject-verb agreement in the 1st bullet of #1.

2. New Core Curriculum Draft Proposal
   • Learning Outcomes- There was a motion, second, and positive vote to approve the proposal.
   • Overlay Requirements- There was a motion, second, and positive vote to approve the proposal.

3. Alignment of the USG Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes and Proposed SACS University-Wide Competencies
   • Leigh Funk distributed a handout of the alignment of the KSU’s USG Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes and the proposed KSU SACS University-Wide Competencies. Leigh indicated that the final list of KSU SACS University-Wide Competencies may differ slightly from the ones presented today, but the proposed list aligns well with KSU’s USG Core Curriculum Learning Outcomes.

4. Social Issues Proposed Course Description
   • Val distributed a proposed change to the Social Issues course descriptions. It was decided to table this item until the next meeting so that departments teaching these courses can possibly propose other edits to the course description(s).

5. AAC&U Shared Futures General Education for a Global Century Proposal
   • KSU was one of 32 colleges/universities selected to participate in this national initiative. As part of the project, rubrics will be developed to assess global learning outcomes and a campus action plan will be developed to align the undergraduate, including general education, curriculum to achieve global learning outcomes. Six KSU team members worked on KSU’s proposal. Val asked CHSS to nominate another General Education faculty member to join the team, since CHSS provides much of KSU’s general education curriculum. Val indicated that she will pass all communication she receives about the project to the GEC membership.

The meeting was adjourned.