Gen Ed Committee Meeting

February 10, 2011

2:00 p.m.

Graduate School Conference Room

Present: Sue McLarry (NHP); Lynita Cooksey (AVCAA); Bill Humphrey (AG); Josie Welsh (Assessment); Dan Marburger (BUS); Chris Harper-replacing Marci Hayes (COM); Tom Adams (ED); Dale Miller (FA); Rebecca Oliver (Honors); Jerry Ball (HSS); David Levenbach (HSS); Chris Collins (Secretary – AAR)

Absent: Rick Clifft (ENGR); Phyllis Pobst (HSS); Jeff Helms (Military Science); Jeff Jenness (SCOM); Tanja McKay (SCOM); Jill Simons (UC)

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sue McLarry, Chair of Gen Ed Committee.

Sue McLarry passed out the SGOC Proposal for the committee to review. Edits were made to the proposal and Rebecca Oliver moved to approve the proposal with the edits and second was made by Bill Humphrey. Motion carried, proposal approved. Sue will make the edits and then forward to the Oversight Committee.

Reviewed notes from Sue McLarry on previous Gen Ed Committee Meeting:

Discussion of #2 of the notes– Lynita Cooksey

 Look at Assessment Cycle

 Meeting learning outcomes; if not, what can we do to improve it?

Is it meeting it, if not and no changes made, then look at whether it should remain a Gen Ed course.

Arkansas Course Transfer System Checklist – if our classes don’t meet this.

Charge of Committee:

1. Review courses every 3-4 years to see if they meet Gen Ed goals
2. Receive assessment data from Assessment Office and review it.

1st Paragraph of the notes – Lynita Cooksey

Maybe this isn’t the function of the Gen Ed Committee. Does the charge need to be different?

Gen Ed Assessment

 Institutional – Communication, Critical Thinking/Writing

 Department Level

Do we want to make a decision of what our charge is?

How do we want to review our courses – every 4 years or what?

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David Levenbach suggested that Sue McLarry take back and revise piece she put together – clarify first.

Every 4 years – paper document as when 1st came into Gen Ed

4b – accountable to HLC

Review form – set of questions – is this what we want to use for review of courses.

David Levenbach – Conceptual Statement of what we’re trying to get at.

Lynita Cooksey – 2-3 people put questions in a form to bring back to the committee for further review.

Draft Form – Rick Clifft, Jerry Ball and Sue McLarry to draft the form.

Accept Gen Ed as defined – review course content, evaluation – outcomes, linked to syllabi

Josie Welsh – prove numerically where students stand in Critical Thinking & Writing. Need to find a way for students to give meaningful data.

What is the goal overall?

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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