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GE Council Meeting
December 3, 2009
12:30 to 1:45 PM
UC 202

Persons Present:

George Robb, Alejandro Anreus, Murli Natrajan, Sandra DeYoung, Nancy Weiner, Lynne Orr, Bob Rimmer, Michael Boroznoff, Lisa Brenenson, Vanessa Lenoir, Helene Nemeth, Nina Trelisky, Kathy Malanga, Jean Levitan, Lorra Brown, Ron Verdicchio, Frank Pavese

1. Agenda approved
2. Minutes from November 12, 2009 Meeting approved
3. Co-Chairs' Report

Chairs have made a powerpoint presentation regarding the new GE to the First Year Experience group

Murli Natrajan was introduced as the new Director of General Education. Murli spoke briefly about his desire to build enthusiasm for the new GE Program across campus and to work closely with the Registrar in implementing the new program.

There is now an open position on GE Council to replace Murli. Sandra De Young was thanked for her work on GE Council. She had been serving as liaison between GE Council and Administration, a position now filled by Murli as GE Director.

To date, at least 56 people have applied to serve on GE Review Panels

4. Implementation Plan and Timeline

Four Working Groups of the GE Council were proposed to deal with issues related to implementation: Review Panels Working Group, Faculty Development Working Group, Transition Plan Working Group, and Assessment Working Group. The tasks assigned to each group were included in the Agenda. The Council approved all four working groups and tasks as laid out in Agenda. All members of GE Council need to volunteer for at least one working group. Those members of GE Council who will serve on Review Panels will be in the Review Panels Working Group.

The GE Council will develop writing-intensive and technology-intensive rubrics in advance of February 12, 2010 Faculty Workshop on the new GE.

5. Transition Plan Discussion with Registrar's Office

The most important task is specifying which courses will fulfill the various requirements of the University Core Curriculum (UCC), so that the Registrar can properly credit students

Perhaps a new UCC page could be developed, linked to the University's homepage

Will need to develop a new template for Advisors

In order for UCC to go into effect in Fall 2011, all courses must be approved by mid-December 2010. November 2010 would be even better, if possible.

If done on a rolling basis, most courses can probably be approved by the end of Spring 2010 Semester.

It will probably be necessary to work into June 2010 to ensure that courses are approved by Dept. and College GE Committees.

We should make it a priority approving courses for Areas 1, 2, 3, 4 as these will be courses needed by Freshmen and Community College transfer students.

Registrar will run a report of average number of 100-level courses offered over past 5 years to give us an idea about how many sections will need to be offered.

Some UCC courses will probably still require basic skills proficiency.

Will probably need to hold more orientation session in Spring 2010, in addition to one already scheduled for Feb 12.

6. It was decided not to meet again until after the winter recess.

Meeting Adjourned

Minutes by George Robb