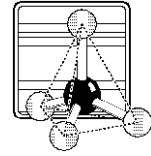




General Education Council

Minutes of the October 15, 2009 Meeting



Approved with corrections at the October 21, 2009 meeting

Present: Co-chairs: Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga
Alejandro Anreus, Lorra Brown, Peter Griswold, Christine Kelly, Rob McCallum, John Peterman,
Bob Rimmer, George Robb, Ron Verdicchio, Viji Sargis, Nancy Weiner

Visitors: Sue Godar, Esther Martinez

1. Meeting called to order by the co-chair Kathy Malanga at 12:40 PM
2. Approval of the agenda as distributed was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.
3. Approval of the minutes of the September 24, 2009 council meeting as distributed was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.
4. Senate charge. Co-chair Jean Levitan read the May 2009 charge to the council and pointed out that this charge and the charge posted on the Senate's website are different. Sue Godar, Senate Chair, said that the Senate Executive Committee would look into this; Christine Kelly formally moved that the Senate Executive Committee be asked to look into this matter (sec.: Lorra Brown) and the motion passed unanimously by acclamation.
5. Review of October 13, Senate meeting
 - a) Several people expressed their surprise that there was not more pointed discussion about the two GE proposals. George Robb indicated that may be because most senators have already made up their minds. Others disagreed.
 - b) Ron Verdicchio stated that some colleagues are unclear about the differences in the proposals and suggested that the council prepare a summary of the differences and similarities between the two proposals. After considerable discussion it was decided by consensus that the two spokespersons for the two proposals, Christine Kelly and John Peterman would each submit a bullet list of ten items delineating the differences to the co-chairs for further distribution to the college community.
6. Consideration of the October 13 Draft Implementation Plan for General Education
 - a) There was considerable discussion about point A. of the approval process.
 - b) It was suggested that for A. **Course Approval Process for General Education**, the title be changed to **Existing Course Approval Process for General Education**. Approved by consensus.
 - b) Jean Levitan suggested a change in wording under this section (last sentence) as follows: "Departments may resubmit courses after addressing the identified concerns expressed by the GE Council."
 - c) Under point B. there was considerable discussion about the time line for the initial course approval phase and an appeal/resubmission process. After several revisions Ron Verdicchio suggested that the initial GE approval process be ended by the close of the Spring 2012 semester. This suggestion was approved by consensus.
 - d) There was again considerable discussion about the make-up of the review sub-committees (panels) with respect to the number of panels needed, the representation among the different colleges, the need for special consideration for courses in diversity, writing and technology particularly. Finally it was agreed by consensus that the document indicate:
 - 1) That 6 – 10 Review Sub-committees/panels would be needed.
 - 2) The selection of the Review Sub-committees/Panels would be done by the usual method as per other Senate Committees

e) Sue Godar , Senate Chair, indicated that the implementation plan need not be finalized for a vote on the actual GE framework, i. e., the adoption of the implementation plan could be pushed back to a later date if need be.

7. Meeting adjourned at 1:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert J. McCallum,
Secretary, *pro tem*