

## GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

Minutes of the February 8th, 2010 Meeting

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Present:: Co-chairs: Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga  
George Robb, John Peterman, Ron Verdicchio, Kathy Silgailas, Lynn Orr,  
Nancy Weiner, Giuliana Andreopoulos, Frank Pavese, Kara Rabbitt, Balmurli  
Natrajan, Robert Rimmer  
Guests: Mollie O'Donnell, Ben Vilhauer, Steve Newton, Pete Mandik

1. Meeting called to order by the co-chairs Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga at 1:00 PM
2. Approval of the agenda as distributed was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.
3. Approval of the minutes of the February 4th meeting with modifications in 3e and 4d, changing liaison to coordinator, was moved, seconded and approved by unanimous acclamation.
4. Chairs Report:
  - a) Kathy reminded the group that the UCC Forum is scheduled for February 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - b) Web page will be set up by the 12<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) Kathy and Jean reminded the group that all outcome criteria must be met in each course.
  - d) Jean asked whether or not the group felt the forum will be well attended, particularly by faculty working with foundation courses.
  - e) It was suggested that the forum begin with a type of "pep rally" to foster excitement.
  - f) A suggestion was made that the pressure created by this process be addressed by the implementation group.
  - g) Murli felt that those who worked on the alternate model should take a few minutes on the 12<sup>th</sup> to discuss the process. Jean suggested that this be done in the break out groups and that the primary focus should be on the implementation.
5. Working Group Reports:
  - a) Faculty working group's first meeting is on February 16<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.
  - b) Implementation working group's first meeting is on the 11<sup>th</sup> from 2:00 to 3:30 PM.

6. Changes in outcomes.

- a) Kathy stated that several people responded to her email.
- b) A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the outcomes in each area. Kathy will compile a final set of area outcomes.
- c) There was a discussion concerning the issue of courses being offered on a regular basis in areas 4, 5 and 6. It was recommended that 1c be changed from courses being offered at least once a year to courses to be offered once every two years.
- d) There was discussion concerning the meaning of World History. It was agreed that it includes significant content from at least three world regions.
- e) There was discussion of courses submitted that meet the criteria for an area but do not have the substance for a fifteen week course.
- f) 2d 1,2,3 must be at the 100 or 200 level without prerequisites.

Meeting adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Robert J. Rimmer Ed.D.