

**Minutes
General Education**

Date: September 10, 2009

Called to order: 12:40

Attending: S. Newton, J. Hauser, J. Levitan, K. Malanga, K. Rabbitt, S. DeYoung, L. Brown, J. Peterman, M. Watad, L. Orr, N. Weiner, P. Griswold, K. Martus, R. Mc Callum, K. Daniel-Robinson, R. Verdecchio, S. Dinan, S. Miller, U. Birge, R. Rimmer, F. Pavese, G. Robb, C. Kelly, A. Ciliberti, G. Andreopoulos, A. Anreus.

- 1. Agenda approved.**
- 2. Previous meeting minutes were not available for approval (Sept. 3, 2009).**
- 3. Senate meeting report by Jean Levitan and Kathy Malanga:**
 - . Issue of Foreign Language as a graduation requirement was not resolved. Vote was 18-19 on foreign language exception continuing for credit intensive majors such as nursing, music and fine arts.**
 - . Issue of First Year Seminar being 3 credits also awaits resolution by senate.**
 - . Levitan met with Godar and Martínez to discuss low and high end of GE program credits.**
 - . Issue of 9 credits of upper level GE electives has not been revisited as area of possible reduction.**

Discussion:

 - . Why did the university's board of trustees vote for 120 graduation credit requirement before the establishment of the new GE?**
 - . The GE Council should ask for a recommendation regarding number of credits (1 or 3) for First Year Seminar from the senate.**
 - . C. Kelly argued that the GE Council should state that the minimum required number of credits for graduation be 120.**
 - . J. Peterman gave an overview of the history of GE program credit requirements, from 1980 when it was 46 to 1985 when the state of NJ required more and it became 60.**
 - . Issue of double and triple counting was discussed and why does the Registrar express resistance to this.**
 - . Issue of majors cutting back on their credit requirement came up.**
 - . AA degree has 45 GE credits and AS degree has 38; this is based on the articulation agreement.**
- 4. Strategy for presentations to the senate:**
 - . Microphone and PowerPoint will be integral to presentations.**
 - . GE Council co-chairs will do brief introduction, followed by presentation of models by sub-committee chairs.**

- . Lengthy discussion over neutrality versus clear definition of each model followed.**
- . Motion on labeling of models as “USP” and “Alternate” was made and seconded. Discussion. Motion passed by a majority vote.**
- . Motion on GE Council co-chairs presenting the models was made and seconded. Discussion. Motion did not pass by a majority vote.**
- . Issue of time for the presentation of the models was discussed. It was agreed that it be focused and short; each model presentation will consist of 10 minutes.**

. Rest of the GE Council meeting consisted of discussion of public presentation of the two models to the university community as a whole. It was agreed that an electronic packet be sent to all senators and all faculty. This packet will consist of the color framework, the prospectus and the cover sheet.

. There was also a brief discussion of alternate dates for the GE Council presentations to the senate, just in case these get pumped off the Sept. 22 agenda.

. Motion made and seconded “that the GE Council recommends that the GE proposals are the council’s recommendations to be presented to the faculty senate.” No discussion. Motion passed unanimously.

. Coin was flipped to determine order of presentations. Alternate model will present first.

. There was no time for discussing the use of comparative charts of the two models. This issue will be discussed at the next council meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 1:55.

**Respectfully submitted,
Alejandro Anreus**