

## GENERAL EDUCATION MINUTES

April 22, 2010 – CORE Level 4 – Conference Room 420

**Members present:** Cindy McGrath, Gil Rodriguez, Scott Cabral, Alex Sterling, Janice Townsend, Liana Padilla-Wilson, Shiela Rodolfo, Karl Debro.

1. Public Comment and announcements: None for today.
2. The agenda was approved with removal of ENGL 0128; ENGL 0133; SOCSOC 045 from #7 GE Course Review.
3. The minutes from 3/25/10 were approved with name spelling corrections.
4. GE 2010-2011 Membership and Chair:
  - a. Cindy has been inquiring throughout the campus for a chair for next year. She has someone who said they could do it if nobody else will step up.
  - b. The committee agreed to continue the meetings from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. and meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays. Margaret will book the meeting room for us.
5. Ethnic Studies/Ethical Inquiry discussion: Cindy reported that Judy Bank and Danny Moriel agree the GE committee should be the place that Ethical Inquiry courses are brought for review, using the criteria they provided last fall. In addition, when such courses are on the agenda, they request a representative of the Ethical Inquiry course faculty be invited to the meeting. Since the Ethnic Studies group has been defunct for years, GE Committee is also the appropriate place for review. There was GE Committee consensus about accepting these additional responsibilities, and Janice asked Cindy to forward a note to the Curriculum Committee to take official action on the matter. Cindy will also announce this at the next Senate meeting to keep everyone informed.
6. GE Seminar review and planning:
  - a. The overall review of the seminar was good. The interdisciplinary grouping was good and provided a rich and enjoyable discussion.
  - b. Has how we view diversity evolved over the years and if it has will we lose the impact of the original meaning? Topics with diverse perspectives, for example, “global warming” is new terrain.
  - c. Scott and Alex had a good idea with “Culture of Sharing”. 18 people will sign up to share at the upcoming Fall Seminars. A good follow-up activity would be to have a list of what “diversity” means to faculty. Start a list and develop it throughout the seminars.
  - d. Alex agreed to present a FLEX activity to follow-up on the Ann Johns workshop on designing writing assignments with the topic of diversity. He will also cover a breakout session for the All College Day on how to write a good “writing” prompt. This would be for all disciplines – generic. He invited all collaborators to help with these two activities.

7. GE Course Outline review:

- HIST-034 -Passed
- HIST-038 -Passed
- BIO-007- No Pass-GE SLO #4 & 5 needs more.
- MUSIC-015 - Pass
- MUSIC-012-Online - No Pass - GE SLO #1-Orally
- DRAMA-016-Passed

8. Discussion topics: Ran out of time and tabled them until next meeting, but Cindy handed out the Davis Writing Rubric to review for that discussion.

Last Meeting for SP10: May 13