**Gen Ed Committee Meeting**

**November 29, 2011**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Kathy Brittain White Conference Room - DCED**

Present: Sue McLarry (NHP); Bill Humphrey (AG); Josie Welsh Assessment); Dan Marburger (BUS); Myleea Hill (COM); Lance Bryant (ED); Rick Clifft (Engineering); Temma Balducci (FA); Jerry Ball (HSS); David Levenbach (HSS); Phyllis Pobst (HSS); Tanja McKay (SCOM); Chris Collins (Secretary – AAR)

Absent: Lynita Cooksey (AVCAA); Rebecca Oliver (Honors); Timothy Norman (Military Science); Cecil Clark (Military Science); Jeff Jenness (SCOM); Jill Simons (University College)

Meeting was called to order at 2:00 p.m. by Sue McLarry, Chair of Gen Ed Committee.

**Minutes**

The minutes from 11/15/11 were reviewed by the committee. Phyllis Pobst moved to approve the minutes as is and Dan Marburger seconded; motion carried. Minutes were approved.

Sue McLarry indicated that she sent the Health & Wellness Letter to Dr. Howard and copy to Dr. Jones with the correction to the last paragraph made as indicated regarding the wording co-curricular.

**Social Sciences Definition**

The committee discussed defining social science and the criteria for social sciences.

Phyllis Pobst passed out a handout to the committee that she and David Levenbach put together defining social science according to the Social Science Research Council (SSRC). Much discussion followed regarding this.

Myleea Hill indicated that communications was not included in this definition by the SSRC.

Dan Marburger made a motion that the General Education Committee, in evaluating whether a course is suitable to the social sciences area, restrict itself to the definition of the Social Science Research Council (SSRC). David seconded.

Myleea felt strongly that this should be discussed with all the colleges first. David suggested that she make a motion to table this motion until everyone takes this information back to their college. Therefore; Myleea moved to table Dan’s motion. David seconded. Vote: 7 – Yea; 5 - Nay

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Everyone is to take this information back to their college and discuss.

Sue McLarry indicated that she will talk to Paul Armah and Clint Relyea and let them know that the committee is still working to give more guidelines.

The concensus of the committee was that they didn’t feel that they should rush this decision regarding the definition of social science until this was discussed with each of the colleges faculty.

The committee will not meet until the first of the year unless necessary based on information from the SGOC.

Phyllis Pobst moved to adjourn. Motion to adjourn was unanimous.

Meeting adjourned at 3:35 p.m.

Submitted by:

Chris Collins

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