**Gen Ed Committee Meeting**

**November 8, 2011**

**2:00 p.m.**

**Kathy Brittain White Conference Room - DCED**

Present: Sue McLarry (NHP); Lynita Cooksey (AVCAA); Bill Humphrey (AG); Josie Welsh Assessment); Dan Marburger (BUS); Jack Zibluk (Proxy) (COM); Lance Bryant (ED); Rick Clifft (Engineering); Temma Balducci (FA); Rebecca Oliver (Honors); Jerry Ball (HSS); David Levenbach (HSS); Phyllis Pobst (HSS); Tanja McKay (SCOM); Jill Simons (University College); Chris Collins (Secretary – AAR)

Absent: Timothy Norman (Military Science); Cecil Clark (Military Science); Jeff Jenness (SCOM);

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

The minutes from 10/11/11 and 11/1/11 were reviewed by the committee. Jack Zibluk moved to approve the minutes with the corrections as noted and Bill Humphrey seconded; motion carried. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Last week a motion was made by Bill Humphrey to move the goal “Understanding Global Issues” to a University goal to be assessed by the LOAC and remove it from the General Education Goals was tabled. Dan Marburger moved to bring this back to the table and Jerry Ball seconded the motion. Discussion followed and then vote was made: 6 – Yea; 5 – Nay. Motion carried.

Committee reviewed the Mission Statement of the GEC that Phyllis Pobst prepared. Revisions were made to the Mission Statement so it now reads:

“The general education program develops a foundation and motivation for the lifelong pursuit of learning in undergraduate students at Arkansas State University by introducing them to a broad range of essential areas of knowledge that will enable them to think critically and participate ethically in a democratic nation and a global society.”

Jack Zibluk motioned to accept the Mission Statement with the revisions, second made by Bill Humphrey. Vote: Yea – Unamimous

Sue McLarry indicated that Dr. Clint Relyea and Dr. Paul Armah will be attending next week’s meeting to present their courses. (These courses could be in the Social Sciences)

The letter to the Chancellor regarding Health & Wellness was reviewed by the committee. There are some revisions that need to be made.

1. The letter needs to encourage Student Affairs to do something
2. Second paragraph needs some revisions (three existing core areas need to be named; first sentence needs to read: …State mandated that ASU reduce their curriculum to 120 hours for a BA and 60 hours for an Associates Degree..; last

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1. sentence should read: “However, the ASU core area of Health and Wellness could not, and after much deliberation, the GEC voted to eliminate as a general education requirement.
2. Last paragraph, strike out “..GEC understands and is in agreement, as a committee, that the…”

Sue McLarry will make the modifications and bring back to the committee next week.

Gen Ed Curriculum is completed. We need to prepare a proposal to the SGOC and Sue McLarry will prepare a proposal in draft form and send out. **Need to make changes/corrections and vote on this by Friday since SGOC meets on Monday.**

HIST prefix – Bill Humphrey moved to remove the HIST prefix, seconded by Jill Simons. Vote: 12 – Yea; 2 – Nay

Jack Zibluk indicated that there is one person who has requested that Oral Communication be reconsidered in the Humanities. Marcie Hayes was in attendance and indicated that she will pursue this at all levels. Lynita Cooksey indicated that the State will not let students transfer this course as a Humanities, it will be an Oral Communication course.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

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