**Gen Ed Committee Meeting**

**November 1, 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); Rebecca Oliver (Honors); Jerry Ball (HSS); David Levenbach (HSS); Phyllis Pobst (HSS); Jeff Jenness (SCOM); Tanja McKay (SCOM); Chris Collins (Secretary – AAR)

Absent: Lynita Cooksey (AVCAA); Timothy Norman (Military Science); Lee Clark (Military Science); Jill Simons (University College)

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

The minutes from 10/25/11 were reviewed by the committee. David Levenbach moved to approve minutes and Jerry Ball seconded; motion carried. Minutes were approved with corrections.

Sue McLarry indicated to the committee that there were four topics to discuss:

1. IB 1013 Global Challenge syllabus
2. AGRI 2243 Feeding the Planet syllabus
3. Gen Ed requirements for Associate of Applied Science
4. Global Issues

Discussion followed regarding the placement of IB 1013 Global Challenge and AGRI 2243 Feeding the Planet in the Social Science category. These courses are part of our current core for Understanding Global Issues but under the new core categories they may not have a “home.”

**IB 1013 Global Challenge**

The question was asked – “What social science is this course teaching?

The Gen Ed goal needs to be reflected on the syllabus.

How tightly or loosely do we want to define the Social Sciences?

Rick Clifft moved to accept IB1013 Global Challenge as a Social Science, second made by Myleea Hill. Vote: 5 Yea; 7 Nay This course was not accepted in the Social Science category. Sue McLarry will send an e-mail to Dr. Clint Relyea indicating the decision of the General Education committee. Dr. Relyea may come to a committee meeting to present the course or modify the course to reflect a true Social Science.

**AGRI 2243 Feeding the Planet**

Rick Clifft made a motion that we accept AGRI 2243 Feeding the Planet as a course in the Social Science category and second made by Dan Marburger. Vote: 4 Yea; 6 Nay. This course was not accepted in the Social Science category. Sue McLarry will send an

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e-mail to Dr. Paul Armah indicating the decision of the General Education committee. Dr. Armah may come to a committee meeting to present the course or modify the course to reflect a true Social Science.

The discussion included the question: How closely is this course aligned to Geography which is a Social Science?

How is Social Science defined by Social Science Professors?

Phyllis Pobst moved that the GEC designate certain courses for the Global Awareness category and require that a student getting a Bachelor’s degree take one of these courses.

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. Some discussion followed. Sue McLarry asked if we should table this until next week – Vote: 8 Yea; 5 Nay

Sue McLarry notified General Education Committee that she would be presenting the new General Education core to the Faculty Senate on Friday. Directions from the committee were to indicate to the Faculty Senate that the Global Issues piece has not been resolved.

Sue McLarry discussed the State Regulation for AAS degrees and moved to reduce the AAS GE core to 15 credit hours by removing the required science. (who seconded this motion?) Vote: Yea – Unanimous

The committee will discuss the Health & Wellness letter and the Mission Statement next week.

Meeting will be held next week, November 8th.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 p.m.

Submitted by Chris Collins

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