

General Education Task Force

Minutes of the February 21, 2012 meeting

Present: Etta Madden, Emily Bernet, Kristina Moller, David Mitchell, Judith Martin, Pam Sailors, Doug Gouzie, John Kent, Thomas Lane, Tim Knapp, Cindy Hail and Joyce Jennings-Pineda.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 p.m. in CARR 203.

II. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes. All approved, motion carried.

III. REPORT ON FACULTY SENATE MEETING, FEB 9

An overview of the presentation of Learning Outcomes at the February 9 Faculty Senate meeting was discussed, drawing from a summation of points from that meeting. It seems that information on the revision process has not been received by faculty, campus-wide, as had been hoped; there appeared to be a lack of information about how the proposed learning outcomes fit in the overall process of revising general education. Several senators felt that the outcomes weren't specific enough. They suggested that the Natural World and Humanities and Fine Arts categories needed to be fleshed out with more learning outcomes. Committee chair announced that she would be meeting with Provost and former Associate Provost to discuss the timeline for Senate actions and increasing "buy in" on campus. She suggested adhering to the pattern of the last revision, where a complete package of recommendations went to Senate at one time. The Task Force discussed the possibility of having next academic year a smaller subcommittee with representatives from Senate, CGEIP and the current Gen Ed Task Force to continue the items listed in the Charge to the Task Force.

IV. REPORTS ON SUB-COMMITTEE WORK

Task Force Chair thanked those who worked on sub-committees during the past two weeks and they reported.

Human Cultures – Representative discussed subcommittee suggestions, as documented in e-mail. Concerns focused upon whether category should be split and whether a course could meet all the learning outcomes in a specific area if they are not split.

Natural World – Representative discussed the subcommittee suggestions, including division into three categories. Discussion continued, including whether being set up differently than Human Cultures category would be acceptable. Discussion continued on the students' feedback (in focus groups & surveys) of having too much science.

V. STRAW POLL

Members were asked to think about a list of items on a straw poll document for consideration at the next meeting.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 1, at 2:00 p.m. in FCTL.