

General Education Task Force

Minutes of the March 29, 2012 meeting

Present: Etta Madden, Eric Nelson, Emily Bernet, John Catau, Chris Herr, Katie Hope, John Kent, Kristina Moller, Doug Gouzie, Judith Martin, Danae Hudson, Cathy Pearman, Rachelle Darabi, Eric Sheffield, Thomas Lane and Joyce Jennings-Pineda (via Skype).

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 2:01 p.m. in LIBR 204.

II. MINUTES

It was moved and seconded to approve the minutes from the March 15, 2012 meeting. All approved, motion carried.

III. REPORTS

a. Open Forums for Campus

There will 2 open forums one on Tuesday, April 10 and another on Monday, April 16. There was discussion on the importance of these open forums and holding them at midday in sync with class meeting times.

b. CGEIP

An update was given on CGEIP. It was stated that the main change that CGEIP made to the Learning Outcomes document was that natural world category was broken into three sections. There were also some editorial changes. The document is ready to be presented to Faculty Senate. It was suggested that Gen Ed committee members also attend the Senate meeting to assist in answering questions. Everyone was informed that the revised copy will be sent to them.

c. Proposed structure draft

For whatever version is circulated, it was suggested to include hyperlinks to the Learning Outcomes. There was discussion of the Natural World category. It was suggested to merge environmental sciences into both Physical and Life categories or to take the goal for environmental and put as a general goal and then have physical and life goals. This would possibly solve the issue of ensuring all learning outcomes are met with curricular structure.

The committee was reminded that there would be a call for proposals and at that time departments would need to keep in mind what learning outcomes students would be expected to meet and how outcomes would be demonstrated. It was stated that students prefer 3 credit hour courses, not 4 or 5, due to scheduling difficulties. It was also suggested to make the Missouri Senate Bill courses be cross listed in two departments so that it could be counted as such. It also was suggested to have natural world courses for students who are not science majors. Everyone was reminded that course design is not the business of the Task Force. Suggestions for course design, however, can be included in the call for proposals. Discussion continued.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

There will be no meeting next Thursday due to Spring Holiday. The next meeting will be held Thursday, April 12 at 2:00 p.m. in FCTL.

Meeting adjourned.