

General Education Task Force

Minutes of the April 28, 2011 Meeting

Present: Kathryn Hope, Department Head, NUR; Timothy Knapp, SOC; John Kent, MKT; Etta Madden, ENG; Cathy Pearman, RFT; Pam Sailors, Associate Dean CHPA; John Catau, Provost Office; Justin Mellish, SGA Vice President; Kristina Moller; Doug Gouzie, GGP; Thomas Lane, Director PSU; Cindy Wilson-Hail, Faculty Senate; and Kelly Cara.

Absent: Richard Garrad, BMS; Danae Hudson, Provost Fellow; Eric Nelson, HIS; Chantal Levesque, FCTL;

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting came to order at 8:00 a.m. in LIBR 204.

II. MINUTES

Minutes from April 7 were approved with changes.

III. OPEN SESSIONS WITH FACULTY

Cindy Hail stated there were great discussions.

IV. STUDENT FOCUS GROUPS AND SURVEYS

John Kent reported that four sessions occurred as planned and were recorded. The student forums presented that, as a whole, the students' college education is satisfying. In addition, two areas of general education were consistently stated as unsatisfying. Also, the honors classes were spoken of in high regard and suggested as a model for other general education courses. Transcriptions of audio files are desired as official records for review. Questions about diversity of participants were raised, including GPA. One Task Force member volunteered to review GPA of 271 participants.

V. KEY INSTITUTIONS

Examination of key institutions across the country continued. A new chart format was suggested, including submission of most important items from each institution, with an active link.

VI. FACULTY SURVEY RESULTS

The Faculty Survey results are posted on Blackboard. The comments sections have been coded within six different codes: developing knowledge, developing content, developing social and interpersonal skills, developing civic skills, developing personal skills or other. Results of coding will be shared when available.

VII. SUB-COMMITTEE TO ATTEND WORKSHOP, DRAFT MISSIONS STATEMENT & LEARNING OUTCOMES

It was stated that collecting information from faculty and students and other institutions is going well, but there was a need to start focusing on implementation and mission statements. Subcommittee attending the AACU workshop at San Jose State University in June will focus on developing mission statement and learning outcomes.

VIII. MEETING WITH CGEIP

David Mitchell, a member of CGEIP, will be joining the Task Force and will attend the workshop in San Jose, CA.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

It was announced that the next Task Force meeting will be Thursday, May 5, at 1:00 p.m. in LIBR 204 (FCTL Conference room).

Meeting adjourned at 8:54 a.m.