

University General Education Committee Report

Draft of Minutes (Wednesday, Oct. 13, 2011 Meeting)

Meeting was called to order at 5 PM in 313 Jepson.

Present: D Baker, chair; J. Gaines, sec.; N. Kim; C. Creque; T. Ande, ex officio; R. Dunston, ex officio; J.-A. Sainz

Approval of Minutes: for the 9/14 meeting with no additional changes.

Old business:

- 1) T. Ande updated the committee on the progress of the various Gen Ed Assessment groups: Nat Sci (a meeting was held, another planned for 11/14 to approve a final plan, with Fall '11 and Spring '12 implementation by different depts.), WI (work has been coordinated with Writing Center and Prof. Salter of Poli Sci will attend next Gen Ed meeting for an update), SI (working to determine coordination with Fsem), Fsem (progress has been made), QR (email from T. Ande's office has opened communication with dept. heads, responses to be checked in 2 weeks). Discussion was held on the modalities to be used for Spring '12 reporting process, with a view to succinctness.
- 2) J.-A. Sainz discussed further streamlining and enhancement of the process for pre-approving Experiential Learning and global Inquiry credit. Handouts were distributed of the EL/GI contract and the SAGE report of current participation. It was noted that EL was by far the most popular of the two options. Students have continued to wish to change existing contracts, though faculty supervisors were not always in the loop of this process. There is considerable uncertainty over the definition of the "reflective component" in these 0-credit options. Discussion was held about whether or not the provost could appoint an individual to handle all or some of the approval process for EL/GI. It was moved by Gaines and seconded by Creque that Sainz be encouraged to set up a committee of four or more instructors experienced with study abroad to better define the "reflective component" and that this committee report back to Gen Ed at its Jan. '12 meeting. Motion passed.

New Business:

- 1) L. Pinkerton's petition for retroactive change of SAGE 000 to SAGE 001 was discussed and approved, with the provision that J.-A. Sainz must first complete all relevant steps for approval of credit through International Studies.
- 2) C. Brau's request for re-evaluation of transfer credit in ALPP was discussed and approved.
- 3) D. Purpura's request for re-evaluation of transfer credit in ALPP was discussed and set aside, as it appears that adequate ALPP credit was already awarded for another summer course.

- 4) E. Kissell's request for re-evaluation of transfer credit in HES was discussed and tabled pending reception of further information.
- 5) M. Meola's request for re-evaluation of transfer credit in FSEM was discussed and tabled pending reception of further information from her advisor, D. Hubbard.
- 6) Shannon Farrar's request for re-evaluation of transfer credit in ALPP was discussed and denied.
- 7) Tara Banks's request for transfer credit in ALPP was discussed and approved.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:25 PM