

MINUTES
General Education Council
Tuesday, November 1, 2011
11 am
Nevins Hall 1060C

Members in Attendance: Byron Brown, John Gaston, Brian Gerber, Sheri Gravett, James LaPlant, Kent Moore

Guests in Attendance: Jeannie Lugo, Roy Pace

Updates

1. Minutes from September 27, 2011 meeting posted at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/GECMinutes.shtml>
2. Current Status of VSU General Education Assessment Pilot Project: GEC members will remind those in their areas of feedback reports still due (feedback report available at <http://www.valdosta.edu/gec/>)

DATA COLLECTION IN SPRING 2011 (data still needed)

PHASE ONE TEAMS: BIOL 1010/1020L 1030/1040L

3. Contacted Michael Black about presentation of Core Assessment Results from Spring 2009-Spring 2011
4. Email was sent to department heads reminding them of November 1 deadline for first round of worksheets.

Discussion

1. Core Matters Conference: Jeannie Lugo and Roy Pace thanked the General Education Council for its support of this year's conference and noted that this year's registrations allowed for the conference to be self-sustaining. Furthermore, thanks to the generosity of several colleges and departments, the Core Matters fund may have the seed money to hire a keynote speaker for next year's conference. Plans for next year's conference are already underway, and the organizing committee has requested the GEC's help in two areas:
 - (1) recruiting a new faculty member to serve as chair of the conference committee, a role Ms. Lugo has held for the last two conferences, and
 - (2) recruiting faculty members representing a variety of departments who teach core classes to serve on the conference executive committee. After discussion, GEC members agreed to present a proposal to Deans' Council requesting their help and feedback in this recruitment process.

The GEC also thanked Ms. Lugo and Mr. Pace, as well as all the other current committee members, who have worked so hard to create a conference that should be continued.

2. Departmental requests about core curriculum assessment: The GEC discussed a memo from one of the department assessment committees and drafted a response.
3. Core Assessment Proposals (CAPs). Initial worksheets were due on November 1, and a series of them continued to arrive during the day:
 - AREA A: ENGL 1101, MATH 1101, MATH 1111
 - AREA C: ENGL 2110-2130, PHIL 2010, 2020, REL 2020, COMM 1100, COMM 1110, DANC 1500, MDIA 2000, THEA 1100
 - AREA D: ASTR 1020K, CHEM 1151K, CHEM 1152K, CHEM 1211 and 1211L, CHEM 1212 and 1212L
 - AREA E: HIST 2112, SOCI 1160

The GEC discussed the best way to review the initial worksheets and assessment materials and decided to use a BlazeVIEW section. This section has been created, GEC members have been enrolled, and all current material are available for review.

4. The GEC discussed some questions from PERS Advisory Board about the interpretation of the Area B learning outcome.
5. The GEC discussed the updated FACULTY FAQs about core curriculum teaching, and they agreed to share those FAQs with the Deans' Council before posting.

Upcoming Meetings

1. Core Curriculum Materials Meeting: November 8 at 11 a.m. in Nevins 1060C: to discuss development of a short presentation to explain VSU's core to students
2. General Education Council: November 29, 2011 at 11 a.m. in Nevins 1060C: to review and provide feedback, as needed, for any of the initial worksheets.