

GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
AREA B MEETING
FEBRUARY 17, 2009

PRESENT: Byron Brown, John Gaston, Brian Gerber, Sheri Gravett, Anita Hufft, Jane Kinney, James LaPlant, Kent Moore

ABSENT: Kristina Cragg

1. The GEC meeting is still on track for the Fall 2009 Faculty Teams. According to the emails Sheri Gravett has received, most of them will be able to attend. They will be given access to the password-protected section of the Gen Ed website as soon as possible.

Sheri Gravett and Byron Brown will soon be attending a conference hosted by the AAC&U concerning General Education. They will share any ideas they pick up from the conference.

2. Area B:

The Gen Ed Council will be working with James LaPlant, Area B Coordinator, to research VSU's Area B courses and will be making recommendations for changes to Dr. Louis Levy, VPAA. Below is a list of steps that will be taken initially:

- Make an announcement that Dr. LaPlant is the new Area B coordinator and will be the point of contact for any questions.
- The AC office will print out all Perspectives syllabi for Fall 2008 and Spring 2009. They will be studied to find any common problems.
- James LaPlant's office will study which PERS courses are consistently full, not full, and not offered.
- Data will be requested from Department Heads on which Perspective courses are traditionally assigned to their faculty and what will be offered over the next few years. Perspective course evaluations will be collected and reviewed as well.

- All of the syllabi for Perspectives courses taught during Fall 2008 and Spring 2009 will be pulled and examined. Sheri Gravett will review the syllabi and create a draft rubric for assessing them.
 - Review the guidelines set up for Area B
 - Design a way to control who teaches the Perspectives courses. It's better to have a few teach them all the time, than many teaching them occasionally or only once.
 - Develop better outcomes for the PERS courses and then create a questionnaire for faculty to fill out before requesting substitutions.
3. Sheri will send a link for a web site on perspectives courses to GEC members.
 4. The next Area B meeting was tentatively set for March 10 at 9:30. The ACO will bring a list of the Perspective courses that have been substituted since January 2008.
 5. The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

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