

University Committee on Curriculum Planning
3:00 pm September 7, 2001
Library Conference Room

Action Items:

Approval of the minutes
Review the Goal and Competencies of the Draft GE document

Members Present: Brian Heuett, Artis Grady, Suzanne Larson, Kim Craft, Mike Richards, Terry Lewis, Jim Harrison, Verlinda Angell, Maxine Stolk, Diana Graff, Chair, Sheri Butler, Secretary

Visitor: Jon Smith

Minutes of April 24 meeting were reviewed and approved. New members of the committee were informed that approved minutes are posted to the web. They can be found at the Faculty link under University Committee on Curriculum Planning.

The question was asked as to why the deans wanted an interdisciplinary course from each college? When the deans discussed the GE document, it was suggested that the fairest way was for each dean to develop one interdisciplinary course in each college.

Has there been a change in the position of the Faculty Senate as to the GE document? Last spring the Senate representative on this committee, Steve Evans, stated that the faculty would be able to attend hearings in the individual colleges and there was no need for a senate hearing on this document. Does the faculty senate have a unique position that would NOT be represented by the faculty in the individual colleges? Brian will talk with Steve Evans and get back to the committee.

There are four changes to the draft document for our review.

Art: The art faculty have two proposals: First to increase the number of fine arts credit in the core and second to change the wording in the competencies. The core will not change since it has approval from this committee and the Dean's Council. T. Lewis will take these new competencies back to the entire College of VPA.

Communication: The committee reviewed a proposal from the communication department to align the competencies with the goals statement in the draft document. The question was asked if these proposed competencies were an attempt to make Communication 1010 the only course that could meet this requirement? The committee discussed each new proposed competency, adding some to existing competencies and eliminating many of them. Committee approved these changes and asked Mike Richards to rewrite the communication competencies.

Science: Artis will take the document back to the College of Science and they will review the goals and competencies section.

HSS: Jim will review the goals and competences within in his college.

Committee members should get as wide an input from their colleges as possible to the proposed goals and competencies.

Timetable Change for 2002 Catalog:

The timetable in the draft document has been amended. The deadline for catalog submittals is now November 1st.

Course Proposal Changes:

The committee will begin with the core courses in General Education in the review process. This committee should send a letter to the departments to clarify that core courses are due now.

Interdisciplinary Courses

Question was raised about who gets credit. Credit can be divided, or counted for both faculty members teaching the course.

The next step is to look at the GE core classes and new curriculum.

The committee recommended the following:

- Two committee members will read, review and recommend for each course submitted one committee member to be from the college submitting the course.
- The faculty member submitting the curriculum should be invited to the meeting when the course is discussed

A motion was made to remove all three hours of the Computer/Information Literacy area from the General Education document. In the present GE requirements, the library has a one-hour course that meets the information literacy part of this requirement. This course has been taught has a GE course for the last year. The plan was to have an additional two hours before the new catalog was ready. This motion was tabled until next week.

We need to make sure the new model is in place so that the registrar can assign course numbers and sections in a timely manner. .

Next meeting will be held on Friday, September 14, at 3:00pm in the library conference room.

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