

University Committee on Curriculum Planning
February 22, 2001 - Red Hills Room, Hunter Conference Center
11:30am

Minutes

Present: Diana Graff, John Ault, Fred Lohrengel, Verlinda Angell, Maxine Stolk, Terry Lewis, Steve Evans, Kim Craft, Suzanne Larson, Mike Richards, Sheri Butler

Motion to approve minutes made by F. Lohrengel, seconded by S. Evans.

A suggestion was made to have minutes posted to the web starting with the minutes of this committee. Minutes will be posted once they have been approved. All agreed.

Point of discussion by T. Lewis: One of his faculty mentioned that three years ago the faculty established a GE curriculum that was concurrent with the rest of the state. Why are we doing this again?

S. Larsen was a member of that committee three years ago. This committee did not revise GE only changed classes. The articulation component and some curriculum specific information came from this committee but this committee did not address assessment or evaluation of GE. The rationale for GE now being discussed by this committee was not discussed by the last committee. Members of this committee should discuss the work the committee with their faculty. One faculty member suggested that there should be one course from each major. This may not be possible, but should take a natural course. Did that former committee establish criteria for GE? No. A couple of things have changed at the regent's level. Budget based on enrollment is a flawed system.

This committee must have a discussion about the transition process from the present GE to the new GE. Several items from the draft report of the prior committee have been incorporated into the new GE draft statement. If education added a GE course, it would be added to Social Science. What innovative programs for GE should we review? Colorado State has a three-track program: an honors track, a broad-based track and a thematic track. This model requires a great deal of work. SUU is somewhat bound by the 39 credit hours set by the regents and the 13 required credit hours. This committee has 26 credit hours to work with. It should not be difficult once we have our GE model in place to add an Honors Track.

The more innovative the GE, the more prestige for the university. The draft needs a statement that GE is changing/evolving, which will provide the option to change the GE in the future. The curriculum change form presented to the Faculty Senate has an experimental option.

The draft GE document was distributed. M. Richards had the assignment to take the three GE documents the committee thought had sound rationale and combine them into one document. The risk in doing this is that the document lacks coherence. The time line to produce a GE document is very short and the committee must come up with a document soon.

The committee started reviewing the document paragraph by paragraph. The committee finished the editing of the first three pages and decided to form a sub-committee to work on the document. V. Angell, S. Larson and M. Richards will review this document and have a new draft at our meeting next Thursday. It was suggested that line numbers be added to the next draft to expedite the editing process.

Meeting adjourned at 12:55pm

Next meeting will be Thursday, March 1 at 3:30 pm in the Library conference room.

Members Present: Diana Graff, Mike Richards, Steve Evans, Fred Lohrengel, Kim Craft, John Ault, Verlinda Angell, Suzanne Larson, Secretary Sheri Butler

Excused: Terry Lewis

Meeting called to order and minutes approved.

Draft GE Proposal:

The "real intent" of this draft proposal was discussed. The decision was made to have the rationale and guidelines available for the 2002 catalog and the Northwest Accreditation. The committee could concentrate on one knowledge area at a time. The diversity issue will be up to the departments. The three-year time frame allows enough time to bring all the courses in line with the rationale and standards.

Implementation Plan

By October 31, 2001, in concert with the University Committee on Curriculum Planning (UCCP), GE course syllabi will be updated and brought into compliance with Northwest Standards.

Between 2001-2004, the UCCP will systematically work with departments by knowledge areas to bring courses into full compliance with the GE Policy and procedure. All new GE course proposals must be compliant with the GE framework to be considered by the UCCP.

The draft GE document will be out to the faculty by March 20th via the faculty Senate and the department chairs. The advantage to this suggestion is that it gives the UCCP the opportunity to present and explain what the plan is and how it can be implemented in each department. The primary target of these meetings will be department chairs and the faculty who are teaching GE. The UCCP member from each college will be assigned to attend the meeting in their own college. Other committee members should attend as available.

D. Graff will make assignments and appointments for visiting the colleges during the week of April 2, 2001. After the meetings are set, each committee member will be advised as to the date, time and place for the meeting in your college.

A new draft mission statement was passed out to each member of the committee.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10. There will not be a committee meeting on March 22.

Proposed schedule for college-wide GE meetings:		
Tuesday, April 3rd 3:00 -4:00 pm	College of Education Verlinda Thompson	
Wednesday, April 4th 3:00 - 4:00 pm	School of Business Kim Craft -Steve Evans	College of Science Fred Lohrengel
Thursday, April 5th 3:00-4:00 pm	College of B.S.S. John Ault-Suzanne Larson	College of V.P.A. Terry Lewis

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