

University Committee on Curriculum Planning
April 11, 2001, 7:30am
Library Conference Room

Members Present: John Ault, Steve Evans, Mike Richards, Terry Lewis, Suzanne Larson, Maxine Stolk, Diana Graff, Chair, Secretary Sheri Butler

Excused: Kim Craft, Fred Lohrengel

Approval of minutes for April 6, and March 8 was postponed until the next meeting.

The committee received a program proposal to approve offering the AA/AS Degree in General Studies effective fall, 2002. SUU is interested in undergraduate degrees if they are on the 2 + 2 model. Under this proposal GE completion plus 20 hours would give students a degree. One statement was added: Students will need an additional math/approved course for the AS degree. Students under the 2001-2002 catalog have six years from the time they start to complete the requirements in the catalog in which they started. A motion was made to approve this program proposal.

A GE course in Physical Education that includes stress management, nutrition, fitness etc. would be the ideal interdisciplinary course.

DRAFT GE DOCUMENT:

Motion made to approve the rationale, student responsibilities and definition of terms portions of the document. Approved unanimously.

A motion was made to approve the skill areas, the knowledge areas as may be amended by departments, the assessment, and program dynamics. Motion included "GE draft be a recommendation to the deans counsel for the academic year 2002." Titles need to be uniform and parallel. Motion amended to change titles to - Communication, Higher Order Thinking, Information Management and The Valuing Process. Motion approved.

A motion was made to approve the Proposed Timeline and Implementation with the following:

1. Change October to September for GE Course Proposal forms to be submitted and reviewed.
2. Change general education courses to include existing core GE Courses during this three-month period.

The committee must be open to changes. GE could become exciting if it becomes a programmatic theme instead of just the rigid way it is now. This would also require course teaching load reductions for development of courses in this theme.

The motion was made to approve the document to the bottom of Criteria for General Education Course Reviews #7 and the form and instructions. Amend the motion to add the Regents GE requirements in an appendix. Motion carried.

The committee reviewed the table for the core requirements. The courses that are mandated are ENGLISH 2010, Quantitative Literacy MATH 1050 and American Institutions met by ECON 1730, HIST 1700 and POSC 1100. Motion made to approve these core areas. Motion carried.

There is no core primer class for Higher Order Thinking, Information Management and The Valuing Process.

A report from the state computer and information literacy committee was handed out. (Attached) Paragraph five states that some of these skills should be acquired in High School CIL. Even though the ideal would be that students should come to the university with skills in CIL, it is not a reality. The need and demand for a core CIL class is essential. We need to just face the fact that we must have CIL as a core GE with test-out feature and we need to add it now.

Members are encouraged to review the above motions and the core requirements as time is running out to amend this document. Next meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday, April 17 at 3:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35am