

General Education Committee

Minutes for November 13, 2002

In attendance: Steve Reece, chair (HUM), Dana Gross (NSM), Naurine Lennox (SAS), Robert Smith (FA), Eli Townsend (Student Voting Member), Vanessa Wheeler (Student Member), Solveig Zempel (Associate Dean, IGS), ex-officio, Katherine Baker

I. 10/30 minutes approved - with only small punctuation/grammar changes

II. Jo Beld (ARP) gave a presentation regarding NCA re-accreditation:

- a. Program review process has proven helpful to departments, though the format as a tool is still in progress
- b. Grants with evaluative components have been an aid to this project.
- c. ARP emphasis is on student learning

GEC comments on the presentation asked for definitions of 'assessment' and for a discussion about the limitations and focal points of the assessment project.

III. David Pierce / Theater 115: Student petition for retroactive ORC credit

Action taken: falls into the blue page parameters - instructor approved

- Approved for all affected students

IV. GEC procedures for retroactive ORC attributes:

Discussion:

- Add 2nd statute of limitations? = Student must petition within one year from when they took the course (grades recorded) - (The same as other campus-wide limitations)
- Should we go back to non-retroactive credit? - Is this fair to do if the department has "dropped the ball"

Action: 2nd statute of limitations shelved for future approval when language is re-written

V. Monitoring changes:

- a. Should GEC monitor re-instatement of dormant courses?

b. Should GEC monitor changes from interim to semester long courses?

Action/Answer: Yes, with a notation in GEC minutes

VI. Course number change proposal: English 393 "Milton and Ethics"

Action: approved for EIN

VII. Tony Becker's question regarding S/U GE courses:

Discussion: Concerns were raised that students would not make the same effort in S/U courses. It seems better to hang on and work to get a passing grade.

There seems not to be a written explanation for the policy.

Catalog: S/U policy is to allow exploration.

Katherine asked that we write the rationale.

Adjourned 4:35

Respectfully submitted,
Robert Smith