

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL – 2010-2011

Minutes – January 28, 2011

Dean's Conference Room in the Bible Building – 11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Present: Jeanine Varner, Carisse Berryhill, Mark Cullum, Mikee Delony, John Ehrke, John Neill, Jeanene Reese, Nicki Rippee, Jeff Haseltine, Rusty Towell, Greg Straughn, Aaron Escobedo (eo), Dwayne Harapnuik (eo), Bart Herridge (eo), Dave Merrell (eo), Jean-Noel Thompson (eo), Keri Gray (eo)

Absent: Kristina Campos, Kenny Jones, Susan Kehl, Glenn Pemberton, Dwayne Towell, Kitty Wasemiller, Sheila Delony, Eric Gumm (eo), Tom Milholland (eo)

Guests: Mark Riggs, Phyllis Bolin

- I. Meeting started at 11:59 a.m. with an opening prayer from Aaron Escobedo.
- II. **Motion to approve minutes from 12-3-2010; seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.**
- III. MATW 120/020 and 130/030:

The department wants the course and the lab to be one course instead of two separate courses because of administrative reasons. There is no distinction between the course and the lab. Each course currently is graded separately, and there are two syllabi. It makes more sense to it to be one course meeting four times a week. There are seven sections with 24-30 students per section per semester. The students would get 3 credit hours, but they would be billed for 4 and the faculty load will be a 4-hour load. Setting the course up in Banner should not be an issue. From an administrative perspective, the only negative point is that the course does not show up on the bill; it just says ACU tuition. The schedule will show only the 3 hour course and the bill will show being billed 4 hours.

Council will not vote on this at this time as this is just a presentation. The written proposal will be presented at a later date.

- IV. Update on sub-committees for General Education review

Dr. Varner has asked the following faculty members to chair sub-committees to develop criteria for evaluating courses proposed to count as fulfilling a general education category requirement: Dr. Jeanene Reese (Bible), Dr. Eric Hardegree (sciences), Dr. Tracy Shilcutt (social sciences), and Kenny Jones (fine arts).

V. Discussion of Revised Capstone Guidelines

There is some difficulty understanding how to overcome the advanced research and/or creative projects, the ability to frame questions, carry out critical analysis, and produce work of substantial complexity and quality. It's not being charged, but will require staff and unsure of how to spread across courses. There was a suggestion to leave the outcome there, but not make it a requirement. R. Towell would like to communicate to the departments (even though it's a rough draft) to ensure they are aware of what is going on. Per Dr. Varner, Greg and Jeanene R. will have further discussion outside of council.

On February 7, 2011, 8 votes were in favor of the revised Capstone Guidelines via email; none opposed.