

UNIVERSITY GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL – 2011-2012

Minutes – September 9, 2011

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

Present: J. Varner, S. Delony, J. Dillman, J. Ehrke, K. Campos, K. Jones, G. Straughn, J. Neill, J. Reese, D. Towell, S. Wages, J. Willis, J. Haseltine, R. Towell, B. Herridge (eo), E. Gumm (eo), J. Montgomery (eo), T. Milholland (eo)

Absent: K. Cukrowski, L. Austin, N. Ouimette, G. Pemberton, J-N., Thompson

Meeting began with an opening prayer by Eric Gumm.

Approval of minutes from 4/29/2011: **Motion to approve; seconded; all in favor; none opposed; motion passes.**

Time change for UGEC

Bart explained that at times during the UGEC meetings, we have difficulty getting a quorum due to faculty having 1:00 p.m. classes and having to leave prior to the adjournment of the meeting. Dr. Varner would like to table until the next meeting.

Bible Elective:

Dr. Reese presented an overview of the list of criteria for the 5th Bible course (attached).

Discussion of the criteria followed. There were two main areas of concern: 1) the vagueness of some of the wording such as “pertinent to the field of religious studies” and 2) the need for clarification about whether these criteria were presuming that the course would be taught within the College of Biblical Studies.

Dr. Reese stated she would like to take a second look at the criteria, incorporate feedback that she has gotten, and re-present.

Members took time to introduce themselves.

Criteria for Natural Sciences:

Dr. Rusty Towell states the wording in number one, “...at least two...”, is a concern. Dr. Rusty Towell thinks number one is out of place, but all other points are ok. Dr. Milholland read the SACS core standard. Dr. Willis thinks that the content of numbers 2, 3, and 4 should be expanded. Dr. Varner explained that they are not defining competencies and outcomes, but trying to label them.

Due to time restrictions, the criteria for Fine Arts and the criteria for Social Science have been tabled until the next meeting on 9/23/2011.

Meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.