

General Education Committee
Approved Minutes
August 30, 2006

Present: Gretta Handke, Brandon Cooke, Ron Nickerson, Chair, Kellian Clink, Jim Rife

Guests: Randall McClure, John Banschbach, Dan Cronn-Mills, Anne O'Meara, Tracy Pellett, Avra Johnson

1. Ron introduced the General Education Assessment project and shared previous assessment reports. This year, we will be assessing Category Ia, Ib, and Ic. Each General Education Category Course Instructor Group (GECCIG) member will receive \$500 after the Assessment Report is turned in. Gathering materials will take place in Fall of 06, each Geccig will turn in a report by the end of Spring, 2007, and the Gen Ed committee will share the results of the assessment with faculty in the Fall of 07. Randall talked about his portfolio assessment that happens for composition. Dan talked about having the Geccig team for speech go directly into classes to evaluate student speeches, as opposed to recording the speeches, which happened in the last go-round of assessment. While they will not have a permanent record of the speeches, they will have a record of the evaluation of student speeches. Bonnie Windschedl will provide the appropriate copy cards & account numbers to facilitate the copying of targeting students' work. Composition can sample using tech id's ending in 1, Speech sample speeches of students whose id ends in 2, Ic sample with tech id's ending in 3. Gretta Handke will be the liaison for Geccig 1a, Jim Rife for 1b, and Kellian Clink for 1c.

Tracy Pellett brought up the idea of moving to standardized testing. He will be invited back to a General Education meeting to talk further of his thoughts. Some preliminary conversation was had about the concept of using standardized measurement tools for assessment. The idea was bandied about that Comp should be a prerequisite for Writing Intensive courses, but discarded because of the difficulty of implementing such as requirement. Our guests all left at this point.

2. IPSEL Steering Committee. We are forwarding both Brandon Cooke and Jim Rife's name for the IPSEL steering committee. Thanks to both for their willingness to serve.
3. We reviewed two student appeals. We tabled Brian Montgomery's pending more information. We approved Sean Genter's appeal in light of the fact that the administration had already given permission, despite the fact that they had not consulted the general education committee about this matter.
4. We discussed MNSCU and the language requirement. Brenda Flannery is gathering together a representative body of stakeholders (UCAP, Registrar's Office, Gen Ed) to discuss the relationship between the admission requirement for

a modern language and the General Education Category 8 modern language offerings.

Respectfully submitted,

Kellian Clink