

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

January 26, 2011

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Members Present: Amanda Beveroth, Stefanie Bluemle, Mike Egan, Meg Gillette, Alli Haskill, Ellen Hay, Virginia Johnson, Brian Katz, Anna Knepler, Jason Koontz, Joe McDowell

Guests Present: Mary Koski

AGENDA ITEM I: APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Jason Koontz requested his name be removed from “Members Present” in the 1-19-11 minutes. Brian Katz requested the sixth paragraph under item B be rewritten grammatically correct. The last sentence in “Announcements” needs the apostrophe removed from “its”.

Motion-Katz, Second-Koontz

“To approve the General Education Committee meeting minutes of January 19, 2011 as amended.”

MOTION CARRIED TO APPROVE AMENDED MINUTES OF 1-19-11.

AGENDA ITEM II: NEW BUSINESS

A. “D” Suffix Approval

Motion-Johnson, Second-Gillette

“To approve a “D” suffix for SOCI 308: Sociology of the Body”.

MOTION CARRIED.

B. “PS” Learning Perspectives Approval

Motion-Katz, Second-McDowell

“To approve a “PS” for SOCI 308: Sociology of the Body”.

MOTION CARRIED.

C. Gen Ed Reform

Alli reviewed the Gen Ed discussions of the past weeks. She confirmed the Gen Ed committee does desire to reform the Gen Ed program; likely to be a lengthy process. Until the 6/35 committee recommends calendar and curricular changes, and until the faculty approves of them, however, the Gen Ed committee is hesitant to construct a detailed reduction plan. On 1-26-11, Alli will send the 6/35 committee proposed cuts the Gen Ed committee feels can be made in the gen ed program. Within the next few weeks, the Gen Ed committee should expect to be asked by the 6/35 committee to provide rationale and a summary for the particular aspects of gen ed the committee has stated might be changed, reduced, combined, or studied further. Having this summary will also help advance future

long-term conversations about a new gen ed program. To this end, Alli asked the committee to divide up into subcommittees to work on drafting a document summarizing the committee's thoughts on particular aspects of gen ed changes the committee is proposing (breadth/LPs, integrative learning/LCs, first-year courses, suffixes, alternate options/clusters, advising, gen ed capstone, etc.) and to bring their draft document to the week 10 Gen Ed meeting. Reference documents and minutes from previous meetings can be found in General Education Google Docs.

Ellen handed out published NSSE 2009 Benchmark comparisons data comparing Augustana College with comparative private liberal arts colleges and Carnegie Class colleges on: Student-Faculty Interaction items, Active and Collaborative Learning, Enriching Educational Experiences, Level of Academic Challenge, and Supportive Campus Environment for students in their first year, and then again when they were seniors.

AGENDA ITEM III: ANNOUNCEMENTS

The next General Education committee meeting will be February 9, 2011 instead of February 2, 2011 as stated in the agenda.

AGENDA ITEM IV: ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski
Executive Secretary