

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
May 13, 2009
Evald 113**

Members Present: Allen Bertsche, Kristin Douglas, Anne Earel, Randall Hall, Virginia Johnson, Mary Koski, Emil Kramer, Joe McDowell, Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Fred Whiteside

The meeting came to order at 4:30 PM.

AGENDA ITEM I – APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion-Kramer, Second-McDowell APPROVED

“To approve the General Education Committee meeting minutes of May 6, 2009 as presented.”

AGENDA ITEM II – NEW BUSINESS

A. LSFY, LC, LP Approvals

1. LSFY 103 [Keesen]

A motion to approve was made by Johnson and seconded by Bertsche, but not passed. In discussion the committee agreed they would like to see the questions on the approval form answered. Kristin will ask Jan Keesen to resubmit the proposal with the questions answered, especially the overarching question and how the course ties into the skills matrix. A second motion was made:

Motion-McDowell, Second-Schussheim-Anderson TABLED

“To table LSFY 103: Film and Fiction: Reeling in Reality until questions are answered on the approval form more completely.”

2. Learning Community

Motion-Kramer, Second-McDowell PASSED

“To approve as a Learning Community: Understanding Global Health: Resources and Roadblocks to Equity in Public Health, BIOL 240/POLS 340 as presented.”

3. BIOL 240 [PN]

Motion-Bertsche, Second-Earel APPROVED

“To approve a PN for BIOL 240: Concepts in Public Health & Epidemiology as presented.”

B. Faculty Governance

1. Committee Information Form

The Gen Ed committee answered the questionnaire collectively. To note: The Gen Ed Committee included a recommendation on the form that the General Education Committee consider it their function to approve Learning Perspectives, Suffixes, Learning Communities, and LSFY courses and that the Educational Policies Committee has the function of approving new courses, as to avoid duplicating work on both committees.

2. Logistics with faculty chair

A general discussion regarding faculty chair duties transpired. No actions taken.

3. Elections for Next Year

Motion-McDowell, Second-Whiteside APPROVED

“To nominate Kirsten Douglas as the Chair of the General Education Committee for 2009-2010.”

AGENDA ITEM III – OLD BUSINESS

Assessment Discussion at Retreat

General discussion regarding whether or not the committee was ready to have Mike Nolan spend some time talking at the retreat about assessment. The committee felt that an invitation would be appropriate.

The meeting adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Koski