

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Wednesday, September 2, 2009

5:00 PM

Olin 304

AGENDA *In attendance: Margaret Farrar, Randall (my son)*

<http://www.pteratunes.org.uk/Music/Music/Lyrics/LordRandal.html> Hall, Fred Whiteside, Allen Bertsche (and his doppelganger Lisa Seidlitz), Anne Madura Earl, Virginia Johnson, Mariano MuggleHeinz, Kristin Douglas, Dan Lee, Joe McDowell. *Absent: Email Kramer (with no excuse); Allie Haskell.*

I. MINUTES McDowell chosen for this week's minutes under protest. Seidlitz abstained from doing minutes and plans to abstain for the entire meeting.

Approval of August 26, 2009 meeting minutes

Lee moves, Virginia seconds. Whiteside offers an amendment that McDowell always fill in when Allie Haskell is absent. Proposal dies from lack of interest. An incomplete sentence is excised from the minutes due to lack of object complement. Minutes approved as amended.

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Updates from Academic Affairs

a. Introduce LP coherence and skills development questions for new SRI pilot. More questions or edits requested by Margaret from committee.

b. Assessment: Margaret asks for volunteers from Gen Ed to help interpret the data we currently have, mostly from Nessie, on loan from Scotland. Stunningly, both Virginia and Mariano VOLUNTEER to help. Lisa Seidlitz, however, abstained.

c. Draft of Audit Guide. This guide is an agreement between 3 community colleges and Augustana that will make it easier for students from those colleges to transfer to Augustana with much of their general education courses having been fulfilled. This especially helps to fulfill the LP requirements. The colleges involved at this point are Kirkwood, Harper, and Dupage. Joe McDowell moved that the document be approved by the Gen Ed committee and Dan Lee, having uttered the inconceivable statement, "I agree with Joe entirely," seconded the motion. Allen Bertsche abstained so Seidlitz could vote. Passed.

d. Anne Madura left at 5:32. No further comment.

e. Faculty have been very insistent that we keep LCs in some form but have so far resisted the temptation to step up and actually teach them. For this reason, Margaret plans to hold another "speed-dating" event to see if we can put our commitment where our mouths are and actually teach these "very important" courses. We need 28 next year. Put up or shut up.

III. OLD BUSINESS

A. Prioritize goals for 2009-2010

1. Curriculum discussion: Taskforce membership

Randall (my son) and Email Kramer will represent Gen Ed on the new taskforce.

2. D/G

Shall we reduce the diversity requirement to just one? A question Gen Ed is considering.

B. LC staffing issue

1. Integrated learning definitions

2. Team taught courses

3. Faculty survey

Will be restricted to feelings about the LCs and will include a question about commitment. See II.e. above.

IV. ADJOURNMENT

At some point Kristen rolled her eyes at McDowell and he could feel it even though he was turned the other way.

The meeting petered out @ 6:01, having accomplished little.

Meretriciously submitted,

Joe McDowell