

General Education Subcommittee  
Minutes of the Meeting of Thursday, 27 February 2003 at 3:30 p.m.

Present: Monika Brown, Paul Flowers, Lewis Hershey, Tom Leach, Wright Killian, Jonathon Maisonpierre, and regular guest Elizabeth Normandy

Excused: Susan Edkins    Guests: David Fricke (Business), Jewell Mayberry (ETL), Jamie Litty

1-2. Call to Order and approval of agenda.

3. Approval of minutes: The minutes of the meeting of 21 Nov 2002 were approved, as were the minutes from curriculum decisions made by email after the 23 Jan 2003 meeting was canceled due to inclement weather (see items 7, 8.5 and 8.66 of the minutes of the Subcommittee on Curriculum).

4. New Business: Curriculum proposals concerned with General Education courses

a. Proposal from the School of Business:

The School of Business asks to add an existing course, FIN 205: Personal Finance, to the list of Social Science Division Electives (General Education Sec. IV). David Fricke presented the rationale: this practical course meets several objectives of the General Education program, and students are more likely to take sign up for if it meets a requirement for General Education. Increased enrollments in this course might give support for grants proposals and liaisons with the public schools. The proposal passed unanimously.

b. Proposals from the Department of English, Theatre, and Languages

(1) The ETL Department wishes to change the grading of ENG 104 Written Composition Skills from pass/fail to letter grading, with a C grade required for admission to ENG 105. Jewell Mayberry noted that this change makes the course consistent with other remedial courses. The proposal passed unanimously

(2) The ETL Department wishes to add to the explanation of SPE 102, Fundamentals of Voice and Diction, this statement: "Upon earning 60 credit hours, a student who has not tested out of or taken SPE 102 will not be allowed to register for the following semester until they have met this requirement." Jewell Mayberry explained that this language should encourage students who enter as freshmen to meet the requirement in a timely fashion. Jon Maisonpierre requested that the ETL speech coordinator develop a system for timely notification of students who have not met the requirement. With this caveat, the proposal passed unanimously.

5. Old Business:

Update on assessment planning: the fate of proposals growing out of the meeting of November 2002. Wright Killian reviewed the Academic Affairs Committee's discussion at the meeting of 15 January 03 (see minutes) which resulted in qualified approval for an general education assessment that builds on departmental assessments. Wright also reviewed the discussion and defeat of our proposal (by a close vote) at the 6 February 03 meeting of the Faculty Senate (see the minutes). Some members of the Faculty Senate strongly favor an assessment from "above," others prefer to begin with departmental input, and a few did not understand the proposal, so there is no clear mandate for how our committee should proceed.

6. Further planning for General Education assessment:

Tom Leach mentioned that a UNCP delegation (Leach, Normandy, Cabe, Gash) will attend an UNC system assessment conference on Friday Feb. 28<sup>th</sup> (weather permitting). The Provost plans to use their input to establish an ad-hoc committee that would initiate a centralized assessment effort, supported by administrators and departments. Dr. Leach will report at the March 27 meeting of this committee. Monika Brown distributed a draft outline of measures (quantitative, qualitative, indirect) that might be used to assess learning outcomes for UNCP general education goals.

7. Announcements

The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, 27 March 2003 at 3:30 p.m. in the Arts & Sciences Conference Room

Monika Brown, Secretary