

MINUTES
UNC PEMBROKE GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
University Center - Room 200
January 27, 2005

Call to Order: Jane Huffman, new chair of the subcommittee, called the meeting to order at 3:32 p.m.

Members Present: Mohammad Ashraf; Jane Huffman; Leon Jernigan; Beverly King; Tom Leach; Julie Smith

Members Absent: Carl Danis

Guests: Elizabeth Normandy, Teaching/Learning Center

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for today's meeting approved.

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of October 28, 2004 approved.

Old Business:

Agenda Item: Review of General Education Goals and Objectives

Normandy and Leach gave some history of UNCP's general education goals and objectives. The basic framework for the current general education program has been in place since 1982. The objectives were developed and approved in 1994, and goals/objectives were modified in 1996 in conjunction with the community college articulation agreement.

Leach commented that the community college articulation agreement doesn't restrict UNCP in terms of changing the general education goals or objectives. The idea of the agreement was that UNCP would give course credit for work done at the community colleges. However, if UNCP does go in an entirely different direction with the general education plan, the community colleges may not follow suit.

Huffman distributed a handout of Radford University's General Education plan as a model for expanding UNCP's general education goals and objectives. Discussion on this topic began with Huffman asking for suggestions for revisions of the UNCP goals/objectives.

Ashraf commented that he would like to see more measurable goals and objectives and other committee members agreed. Normandy commented on the language used for UNCP's general education goals. The language is vague with a lack of action verbs. She suggested dividing the goals out into cognitive, behavioral, and affective goals.

Huffman suggested dividing the goals up among committee members to work on stating them more specifically. Committee members would then bring their revisions back to the next meeting for review. There was a discussion of whether or not to bring in members of departments on campus to help with phrasing the goals. Leach suggested sending the revised goals and objectives to departments after the General Education Subcommittee has developed an approved draft but emphasized the importance of getting feedback from departments.

Question from Huffman: Who has to approve the goals and objectives when it leaves this subcommittee?

Response from Normandy: The revised goals and objectives will have to be approved by Academic Affairs and then the Academic Senate.

Huffman suggested the following timeline for completion of a draft of revised general education goals and objectives: Committee members would bring their revised goals to the February meeting and the committee would come to a consensus of how these should be stated. This draft would then be sent out to departments on campus for comments. The March meeting of the subcommittee would be devoted to

making any changes in the draft based on departments' comments. After the committee has approved the revised structure of the goals and objectives, the finalized draft would then be sent to Academic Affairs in April. Huffman also commented that all general education course syllabi need to specify how that course meets general education requirements.

Subcommittee members volunteered to take goals for revision as follows:

Goal	Subcommittee member(s)
Academic Skills: Communication, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving	Entire committee
Knowledge & Applications: Arts, Literature, History, & Ideas	Leach & Smith
Knowledge & Applications: Individual & Society	King & Normandy
Knowledge & Applications: Mathematics, Science, & Technology	Ashraf & Jernigan
Education for Life: Lifelong Learning & Wellness	Huffman
Education for Life: Cultural Diversity & Values	King & Smith

Huffman: Subcommittee members should plan to come back to the next meeting with revisions to share. They should send their work to Huffman by February 17. She will collate and send out the list of revised goals to committee members. Members should make sure to look these over before the next meeting.

New Business:

Agenda Item: Approval of American Indian Studies course

A proposal for a new course was sent from AIS; this course would count as a general education course. There was no representative from the AIS department to discuss the proposal or to answer questions; also, the proposal was incomplete (lacking appropriate approval signatures). The committee therefore decided to send the proposal back to AIS for completion.

Announcements: None.

Next Meeting: The next general education subcommittee meeting will be held Thursday, February 24, 2005, at 3:30 p.m. in UC 200.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. King, Secretary