

MINUTES
UNC PEMBROKE GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
University Center - Room 200
February 24, 2005

Call to Order: Jane Huffman, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.

Members Present: Mohammad Ashraf; Carl Danis; Jane Huffman; Leon Jernigan; Beverly King; Tom Leach

Members Absent: Julie Smith

Guests: Linda Hofer, Math/CS; Norman Layne, Sociology/Social Work/Criminal Justice; Elizabeth Normandy, Teaching/Learning Center; Mary J. Russell, Math/CS

Approval of Agenda: Agenda for today's meeting approved with one change (switch order of Old & New Business).

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of January 27, 2005 approved.

New Business:

Agenda Item: Approval of American Indian Studies course

Proposed new course (AIS 100: Introduction to American Indian Studies) to be included in the general education program as humanities elective. No one from the American Indian Studies department was in attendance; therefore, the proposal was not voted upon.

Agenda Item: Approval of Social course

Proposed new course (SOC 102: Introduction to Sociology) which will combine SOC 101 and SOC 201, and which will replace SOC 101 in the general education program. Changes explained by Sociology/Social Work/Criminal Justice department representative Layne. Course approved by unanimous vote.

Agenda Item: Approval of Math proposals

Several proposals introduced and explained by Math department representatives Hofer & Russell. The courses and proposed changes were as follows:

MAT 109: Precalculus (change course title and description)

MAT 108: Trigonometry (new course description)

MAT 107: College Algebra (new course description)

MAT 105: Introduction to College Math (new course description)

In general, the changes are intended to better explain the content of each course and to help with advisement. All changes were approved unanimously.

Old Business:

Agenda Item: Review of General Education Goals and Objectives

The subcommittee decided to do some regrouping and review the general education goals and objectives once more within small groups before meeting again as a full committee.

The groups working on each goal are as follows:

Goal	Subcommittee member(s)
Academic Skills: Communication, Critical Thinking, Problem Solving	Danis, King, Leach, Normandy
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	Ashraf & Huffman
Education for Life: Cultural Diversity & Values	King & Smith

Groups should send drafts of their recommended changes to current general education goals/objectives to Huffman by Friday, March 18. She would like to bring closure to the subcommittee's initial work on these at the next meeting and send a draft out to faculty for comment sometime in April. There was some discussion about when a response from faculty could be reasonably expected. Leach suggested some flexibility in response time—that perhaps faculty comments could be collected over the summer (with perhaps a final deadline of September or October) and the general education subcommittee could complete a final draft in the fall. Normandy suggested (and there was committee agreement) that the request for feedback on the goals/objectives could be sent to the academic departments through the department chairs. There also was discussion of requesting that faculty put information in their syllabi about the general education goals/objectives that their classes meet and how they meet them. King suggested that mentioning this to faculty when seeking feedback on the draft of revised goals and objectives might be a good way to elicit specific suggestions for further revision.

Announcements: None.

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

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. King, Secretary