

MINUTES
UNC PEMBROKE GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
University Center - Room 200
March 23, 2006

Call to Order: Jane Huffman, chair, called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

Members Present: Carl Danis, Jane Huffman, Beverly King, Tom Leach

Members Absent: Kim Gunter, Robert Poage

Guests: Elizabeth Normandy, Director of the UNCP Teaching and Learning Center

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the February 23, 2006 regular meeting and the March 1, 2006 special meeting of the subcommittee accepted as presented.

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

Agenda Item: General Education Goals & Objectives Review

Review of Health/Wellness Goal: Dr. Tommy Thompson, Chair of the Health, Physical Education, and Recreation department, was unable to attend today's meeting to discuss the Health & Wellness general education goal; however, Huffman did talk with him by e-mail and Leach will meet with him before the next meeting of the subcommittee to discuss his department's view of the goal and proposed changes to it.

General Education Goals Proposal: Some minor changes were made to the current draft of the general education goals and the subcommittee members agreed that they were satisfied with the goals proposal with the exception of the Health & Wellness goal on which work is continuing. When complete, the list of proposed goals will be sent to the Academic Affairs committee for input.

Define General Education Objectives Work Schedule: The next task for the subcommittee members is to review the proposed objectives for each goal. As objectives are formulated for each goal, members should think about how each could be measured. For assessment purposes, about three objectives per goal would be ideal; objectives should be written that are not too narrow or too broad in scope. A list of the new goals along with the proposed objectives for each (and the people assigned to work on them) is attached. Members should bring their suggestions for revised objectives to the April meeting.

Old Business:

Regarding the potential moratorium on the addition of new courses to the general education curriculum for a limited period of time (as goals and objectives are revised and assessment of the general education curriculum is planned), the following decisions were made: Huffman will write a draft of a rationale statement for the moratorium to eventually be sent to the Provost and the Academic Senate. The rationale statement will include the proposal that the moratorium be for new general education courses only and for one year with the possibility of extension. Huffman will send the draft to subcommittee members for review and then to the Academic Affairs committee for their April meeting.

The subcommittee discussed the suggestion made at a previous meeting by Provost Harrington that terms for the General Education Subcommittee should be changed. Normandy will request continuation of terms for current subcommittee members who are willing to serve. Discussion of change of the term structure for this subcommittee (term length and how many members will rotate off at one time) will be delayed until Fall of 2006.

New Business:

Stipends for General Education subcommittee members willing to work on the revised general education goals and objectives over the summer were discussed.

Announcements: The search for an Institutional Research director is on-going.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. King, Secretary