

MINUTES
UNC PEMBROKE GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
University Center - Room 200
April 27, 2006

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

Members Present: Kim Gunter, Jane Huffman, Beverly King, Tom Leach

Members Absent: Carl Danis, Robert Poage

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

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the March 23, 2006 meeting approved with correction: In the first paragraph under "Old Business," the phrase "...to the Provost and the Academic Senate" should read "...to the Provost and the Academic Affairs committee."

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved with one addition: proposal from English Department inserted between agenda items 5 and 6.

Agenda Item: General Education Foreign Language Proposal

Dr. Dennis Sigmon, Chair of the Department of English, Theater, and Languages, provided more information on his department's prior proposal to add a foreign language requirement to the general education curriculum. He provided the subcommittee with a handout on projected additional foreign language faculty needs connected to the introduction of a general education foreign language requirement. Following a question and answer period, a motion was made (King) and seconded (Gunter) to give subcommittee approval to the concept of a foreign language requirement in the general education curriculum.

Agenda Item: Sara Brackin—General Education Substitutions

Ms. Sara Brackin, University Registrar, explained that the traditional, unwritten policy by which she and her staff have operated permits no substitutions in the general education curriculum. However, she has been receiving requests to make substitutions and attended today's meeting to find out the subcommittee's view on allowing substitutions. The subcommittee was unanimously in favor of putting a written policy in the university catalog stating that course substitutions are not allowed in the general education curriculum. Ms. Brackin will submit this request to the Faculty Senate at its next meeting.

Agenda Item: Proposal from English Department

Dr. Dennis Sigmon, Chair of the Department of English, Theater, and Languages, presented a proposal to add Latino Literature (ENG 219) to the general education curriculum in the Arts and Humanities (Literature) section. The course has been taught multiple times as a special topics course. The subcommittee unanimously approved the proposal.

Agenda Item: General Education Goals & Objectives Review—summer work

The revised general education goals have been approved by the Academic Affairs committee; they will be included on the Faculty Senate's agenda at its next meeting. At the suggestion of the subcommittee, Huffman will prepare a one-page time line to describe how revision of the general education goals and objectives will tie into general education assessment. She will take this document to the next Senate meeting and will e-mail a copy to all faculty.

The work plan for Huffman and King has been approved for summer, 2006. They will work on investigating possible methods of assessing general education objectives.

Agenda Item: Moratorium on General Education Course Proposals

In a previous meeting, the subcommittee had discussed placing a moratorium on new general education course proposals to allow them to concentrate more fully on the revision of the general education goals/objectives and the assessment of general education. However, the subcommittee in today's meeting decided against a moratorium and instead will prepare a statement to let the university community know that general education proposals will be screened very carefully in the next few years and will be evaluated in terms of how they meet the revised general education goals and objectives.

Old Business: None.

New Business: None.

Announcements: Normandy announced that two candidates for the position of Director of Institutional Research would be interviewing on campus during the week of May 1-5. Faculty are invited to attend their presentations.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 5:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. King, Secretary