

General Education Committee Meeting 11-15-12

In attendance: Stacey Dolezal, Spike Magelssen, Jeremy Siemens, Rod Ridenour, Arlys Williams

Absent: Bob Johnke

Jennifer Anderson taking Minutes

Meeting is called to order

Agenda:

1. Proposals:

- 12-16 Survey of Natural Science NSCI 110/111
- 12-17 Microbiology for Health Sciences BIOM 250/251
 - Both proposals are requesting to take the lab portion out of the lecture and making it a separate class.
 - Science dept. is trying to remove all labs from lectures and making them separate to make it more equal for transfer and continuing students.
 - Jeremy moves to approve proposal as presented
 - Rod seconds the motions.
 - Vote: In Favor-all
 - Opposed-None

2. Gen. Ed. Committee has been asked to cut back on some General Education classes.

- Stacey wrote letter to the science faculty asking them to look at removing some natural science classes
 - MSU Bozeman 18 Gen. Ed. in this category.
 - MSU Billings has around 7 in this category
- Spike recommends that we ask the faculty to review and determine what majority of classes are used by ranking them.
- Stacey will rewrite letter and send to the committee in an email.

3. Self-Reporting

- Proposal 11-39.
 - Academics Senate has tabled this proposal because they want feedback from faculty.
 - Stacey recommends doing an open showing of the Self-Reporting program with Jay Howland discussing the programs and showing how to use it.
 - Dates for showing Nov. 27, 2012 at 4pm and Nov. 30, 2012 in the Labs in the lower level of Library.

4. Category Combinations.

- Social Science/ History: Proposal 11-28 has been passed and added to the 2012-2013 Catalog.

- Fine Arts/ Humanities: Proposal 11-27 was approved by Academic Senate, but was denied by the Provost.
 - Provost felt was unfair to our transfer students and felt that proof was need before she could pass the proposal.
 - Christine Shearer-Cremean Dean of the College of Education, Arts, Science and Nursing will sample random transcript of 20 transfer students. This will be to see if student transfer with classes in one or both area of Fine Arts/ Humanities.

5. Meeting Minutes.

- Minutes were read and changes were requested by Spike.
- Jenn will change meeting minutes from Oct.
- All approve of notes as corrected
- Approve-all
- Opposed-none

6. Assessment Plan

- Committee agrees to review Assessment Plan for Next meeting.
- Jeremy suggested that we get a sample of student work to show if they meet the outcome of the objectives for Gen Ed
 - Randomly select so many students in each class that is under Gen. Ed.
- Stacey suggested that committee spend time on improving the assessment plan
- Rod asked if the committee evaluates two categories a year will this give us enough time for us to finish in three years.
 - Stacey believes we can do this.
- Stacey will email assessment plan to committee again for them to review.
 - Look at objectives and may have to change wording that can show measurement.
 - Get input from instructors who teach Gen. Ed classes.

Bring in Communication Objectives next time and we will start working on this category.

Next meeting is Dec. 4th in the Library Conference room unless you hear different from Stacey.

Meeting is adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennifer Anderson