

Council on General Education Minutes
3:30 p.m., March 25, 2010
Algonquin Room

Present: D. Allen, S. Bennett, A. Brock, D. Casagrande, J. Dallinger, J. Hemingway, C. McLaughlin, J. Miller, J. Schmidt, C. Struthers, J. White

I. Minutes from the March 4, 2010 meeting were approved.

II. Announcements

Steve Bennett asked current members to consider serving as Chair, Vice-Chair, or Secretary for the 2010-11 CGE. David Casagrande pointed out that we will also need CGE members to take over the job of updating the CGE web page and coordinating the General Education writing survey.

II. Discussion of the General Education Writing Survey

David Casagrande reported that some departments (e.g. Biological Sciences, RPTA) were mistakenly not sent the survey. This can partly explain the lower number of responses to the Spring 2010 survey as compared to the Fall 2008 survey, however the response rate for those individuals that did receive the survey was also lower (61% in 2008, 47% in 2010). Jess White suggested that we provide the results of the survey as an incentive for those that complete it. The Council decided to resend the survey this semester to include those departments that did not receive the initial survey and receive responses from those individuals who chose not to respond. David Casagrande offered to contact Tere North to coordinate this readministration of the survey.

III. Update and Discussion of Results from Fall 2009 General Education Assessment

Judi Dallinger emailed spreadsheets containing the results from the Fall 2009 General Education Assessment. The results were presented in both a lumped form and separated by colleges. (Judi found some errors in the spreadsheets during the meeting that she will fix.) Some departments did not report data and others did not collect assessment data in a form that could be entered in the spreadsheet. Judi and Lori Baker-Sperry will be talking with these departments to help them change their assessment such that the data can be reported in future semesters.

IV. Update on General Education Goal Assessment Plans from Recently-Approved General Education Courses

Judi Dallinger reported that she has not heard from any of the departments that she contacted about creating assessment plans for their newly-approved General Education courses.

V. Teacher Education Certification Changes

As an informational item, Judi Dallinger reported that a change in the Teacher Education certification requirements that requires students to earn at least a C in all required courses (including required General Education courses) is in the works.

Next Meeting: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, April 8, 2010, Algonquin Room

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 4:10 p.m.