California State University
Chancellor’s General Education Advisory Committee
Office of the Chancellor
December 6th, 2007
1:00 - 5:00 pm
Munitz Room

Meeting Notes

Attendees: Romey Sabalius (SJSU), Catherine Nelson (SSU), Barbara Swerkes (CSUN), Ken O’Donnell (CSUCO), Cal Caplan (CSUEB), Jim Postma (CSU, Chico), Jeff Spano (CCCCO), Michelle Pilati (Rio Hondo C), Ted Lucas (CSUCI), Stephanie Low (CCCCO), Barbara Pereida (CSULA), Caroline Bordinaro (CSUDH), Cindy Parish (SBCC District), Maria Viera (CSULB), John Tarjan (CSUB), and Jim Wheeler (CMA).

1. Chair Wheeler welcomed all in attendance; there were introductions all around.

2. Ken O’Donnell provided the committee with an update regarding elements of interest and concern from the Office of the Chancellor. His comments extended to both the CSU General Education Meeting (now scheduled for February 28th, 2008 at the Office of the Chancellor) and input regarding Language Other than English proficiency for CSU matriculants.

3. Chair Wheeler provided a brief update regarding the current state of affairs vis-à-vis the revised version of EO 595 that has been forwarded to the Executive Committee of the ASCSU for its consideration. The document has been referred to the Academic Affairs Committee of the ASCSU for its consideration and comment. Chair Wheeler will be attending a meeting of the Academic Affairs Committee tomorrow to discuss both the history and the nature of the revisions to the document.

4. The Committee discussed aspects of the GE Systemwide Meeting, including the representation from CSU campuses. Each campus will be invited to send one administrative colleague and one faculty colleague intimately involved in the promulgation, administration, or delivery of GE offerings on their campus. Administrative colleagues are expected to be identified by the Office of the Provost on each campus; faculty colleagues are to be identified by the Senate Executive Committees of each individual campus. It is anticipated that both the current and immediate past Chair of the GEAC will attend the meeting on behalf of the GEAC. Office of the Chancellor presence/representation at the meeting is still a work in progress.

5. A DRAFT Recruitment Memo - for Faculty Attendees at the GE Meeting was reviewed. A copy of the memo will be forwarded to ASCSU Chair Barry Pasternack for Executive Committee consideration.

6. The Committee entertained extensive discussion of the A-G foreign language - Language Other than English (LOTE) - proficiency requirement that adheres for first-time-freshman CSU matriculants who graduate from California high schools.
Students transferring from either community colleges or four-year colleges or universities are not required to satisfy a comparable LOTE proficiency, prior to either CSU matriculation or CSU graduation. Because the issue raised by this anomaly is not strictly, directly relevant to the GE Breadth Requirements for CSU baccalaureate candidates, the issue has been referred to the ASCSU Executive Committee for its consideration.

7. As a follow up to information presented by Cal Caplan at our last meeting, Caroline Bordinaro provided the Committee with a briefing on the state of "acceptance" of distance mediated oral communication and laboratory science courses. The Committee's discussions on this topic extended to not only transfer and articulation but also on-line degree program implications. Although for-profit higher education entities offer distance mediated degrees and courses, there appears to be scant evidence of any completely on-line oral communication or lab science offerings currently being included in the curricula of fully accredited, either publicly or privately supported (traditional) colleges or universities.

8. Dr. Caplan suggested the Committee's agenda for its April meeting include discussion of a GE requirement in Physical Activity and Wellness for every CSU student. The rationale being the proliferation of obesity into our younger school aged population and the increased incidence of this same phenomenon within our college and middle aged population. All of which will eventually result in increases in the cost of health care to the state and decreased productivity of the citizens of California, to say nothing of the long term damage to the state's economy.

9. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.