General Education Advisory Committee  
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Meeting Held on October 9, 2008

Members present: Kevin Baaske (Chair), Caroline Bordinaro, Brandon Chandon (via speaker phone) Gail Evans, Christine Hanson, Thomas Krabacher, Catherine Nelson, Ken O’Donnell, Cindy Parish, Barbara Pereida, James Wheeler, James Postma (Ex Officio), Barbara Swerkes (Ex Officio).

Guests: John Tarjan (ASCSU Chair), James Blackburn (Director of Enrollment Management Services for the CO), and Mark Van Selst (Chair, LDTP Steering Committee).

1. Call to Order 1:20 PM – Anacapa Room, Chancellor’s Office.

2. Agenda was approved.

3. Members introduced themselves and were made welcome.

4. Report of the Chancellor’s Office by Hanson included expressed concerns about achieving the 120 unit cap on the number of units required for graduation. CO is considering clarifying on a CO website where there are possible “shortcuts” without directing the imposition of any specific directive.

5. Time Certain at 1:30 PM with Blackburn. Blackburn shared with the committee the MOU signed by Chancellor Reed and President Susan Aldridge in June, 2008. And he also shared draft Roadmaps for students transferring from the University of Maryland, University College to the CSU and from the CSU to UMUC.

   1. Standard procedures employed by the CSU call for a CSU Articulation Officer to provide training to a new institution seeking to provide GE Breadth courses and to have the CSU accept all courses proposed by the new institution. If courses are modified after acceptance, if new courses are proposed after the initial group of courses have been accepted by the CSU, or if problems are recognized, the CSU Articulation Officer can initiate review of these courses. Otherwise, current courses deemed by the new institution as meeting the requirements of the CSU are “grandfathered” in by the CSU.

   2. The CO will look into whether or not these courses will be listed on the Assist website.

   3. GEAC asked that LDTP review the draft Roadmaps and report back to GEAC.

6. O’Donnell provided a report from the CSU team that attended the GE Institute held by the American Association of Colleges and Universities June 1-4, 2008 in Minneapolis, MN.

7. O’Donnell, Baaske, and Tarjan reported on the status of the Compass Project.

   1. Summer 2010 conference on “high impact practices” –especially for historically
underserved student populations—in Sacramento. It was suggested to invite appropriate CCC colleagues to attend.

2 Small grants will be awarded to CSU institutions to attempt to quantify the effectiveness of high impact practices. These will necessarily involve GE and Institutional Advancement Research.

3 A website providing excellent practices will be made available to the CSU and the GE Affinity Group.

8. Two issues regarding Credit by Examination were discussed.

1. AP Tests: These tests are accepted as equivalent to GE Breadth courses, but there were inconsistencies in where such exams are counted in GE. These issues have been addressed in EO 1036 and Coded Memorandum AA 2008-28.

2. IBAC Tests: As with AP tests, there are inconsistencies in where such exams are counted in GE. GEAC formed a subcommittee to investigate the appropriate GE certification area. The subcommittee members are O’Donnell, Brooks, Evans, Nelson, and Postma. Baaske met with the Academic Preparation and Education Programs committee to update them about this endeavor. APEP indicated its support for this endeavor.

9. Swerkes and Van Selst

10. The Committee adjourned at 4:40 PM.

For next agenda: Add review of EO 1036.

Next Meetings:
1:00 PM on Thursday, December 11—Catalina Room, CO Office
1:00 PM on Thursday, February 19—Coronado Room, CO Office
1:00 PM on Thursday, April 9—Coronado Room, CO Office