

General Education Committee Minutes

October 8, 2009

Meeting Began: 12:34 p.m.

Meeting Ended: 1:26 p.m.

Present: Jon Inglett, Mary Turner, Jennifer Ball, Catherine Kinyon, Dr. Jeff Carlisle, Ernest Gobert, Doug Gregory, Tamala Zolicoffer, Lori Farr, Dr. Janet Perry, and Randy Hopkins

Absent: Max Simmons, Greg Gardner, Jay Ramanjulu, Dr. Glenne' Whisenhunt, Jeff Cleek, and Robin McMurry

The meeting began with Jennifer making a motion to approve the minutes as corrected. Lori seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

The committee reviewed four courses that had been presented for approval as general education electives. General education requirements and electives are currently listed on pages 42-44 of the college catalog.

Some of the course submissions were on the old form and some were on the new form. The new form forces faculty to write a rationale for why they believe the course should be on the general education course list. At this time, courses may be submitted as a HUM, MATH, or science. A request was made to add "Other" or "Additional Requirement" to the listing since not all courses will qualify as a humanities, math, or science course. This led to a lively discussion of what the categories in the catalog mean. It was agreed that the discussion would be tabled until the December or February meeting. It was decided that if there were this much confusion among members of the committee that it must be really difficult for advisors and students to understand the requirements. A request was also made to discuss what constitutes a "social science."

The first course that was addressed was CD 2213/ PSY 2213 Child and Family in Society.

Jennifer made a motion to approve the course and Jeff seconded the motion. The course was approved unanimously, but not as a humanities course. It would fit the "Other" category.

The second course discussed was FIN 1013 Personal Finance. This course would also fit the "Other" category.

Tamala made a motion to approve this course. Jeff seconded the motion. The course was approved unanimously.

It was decided unanimously to table discussions regarding the next two classes that were up for consideration: ECON 1113 and AVM 1103. Jennifer made the motion to table ECON 1113 and Tamala seconded the motion. Lori made the motion to table AVM 1103 and Jennifer seconded the motion.

ECON 1113 is not on the state equivalency matrix. The committee wished to give faculty a chance to present supporting information about why this class should be considered a general education course at OCCC if it isn't on the transfer list and may not be a general education

course at other institutions.

Discussion of AVM 1103 centered on the fact that the course seemed rather narrow in scope to be considered a general education elective.

It was suggested that Jon contact academic deans to let them know that general education classes need to be on the transfer equivalency matrix. It was also suggested that the committee develop criteria for which classes can be presented for general education credit.

The meeting was adjourned.