

February 18, 2010

General Education Committee Meeting

Jon Inglett, Chair

Meeting began: 12:35 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 1:20 p.m.

Members Present: Jon Inglett, Mary Turner, Dr. Max Simmons, Catherine Kinyon, Dr. Jeff Carlisle, Ernest Gobert, Douglas Gregory, Lori Farr, Greg Gardner, Tamala Zolicoffer, and Jeff Cleek

Members Absent: Robin McMurry, Dr. Janet Perry, Randy Hopkins, Jay Ramanjulu, and Dr. Glenne' Whisenhunt

Jeff Cleek made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous minutes.

Max Simmons seconded the motion.

The motion was approved unanimously.

The recommendations from the previous meeting were submitted to the academic deans and were approved.

Two new courses will be presented to the Curriculum Committee for discussion. BIO 1124 and BIO 1134, for biology majors, were presented and discussed. These are courses that a student would have to take before taking BIO 2215 or BIO 2114. Max indicated that the current curriculum pattern for biology is problematic from an assessment standpoint because students do not have to take all the same courses or in the same sequence. These two new courses will insure that all majors will take the same courses. If they are approved as general education courses, it will be safe for students to begin as biology majors and then change their minds without losing general education science credit.

One text will cover both courses.

Ernest Gobert made a motion to approve BIO 1124. Jeff Carlisle seconded the motion. The

motion to approve BIO 1124 as a general education course was unanimously approved.

Tamala Zolicoffer made a motion to approve BIO 1134. Jeff Carlisle seconded the motion. The motion to approve BIO 1134 as a general education course was unanimously approved.

The next meeting is scheduled for March 25 at 12:30 p.m.

Future Business: Criteria need to be developed for the approval of general education courses. This would provide justification for approval/denial of courses. This should be completed before May. Jon suggested using the Harvard website as a prototype. We also need a procedure for notifying the submitting faculty member of the committee's decision.

There was some discussion of the "Other" category that is listed in the catalog. There was also discussion about the transferability/application of courses.