

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes
November 10, 2011

Meeting began: 12:30 p.m.
Meeting adjourned: 1:21 p.m.

Present: Jon Inglett, Dr. Courtney Vahlberg, Mary Turner, Jay Ramanjulu, Pam Stout, Yuthika Kim, Sherry Ray, Catherine Kinyon, Charles Myrick, Dr. Max Simmons, Jorge Lopez, Vicky Davidson, Valerie McCartney

Absent: Dr. Janet Perry, Greg Gardner, Doug Gregory

Dawn Ladiski made a motion to approve the minutes from the October meeting.
Yuthika Kim seconded the motion.
Approval of the minutes passed unanimously.

The first item on the agenda was the presentation of PHIL 1123, Critical Thinking, by Stephen Morrow. The course had already been approved by the Curriculum Committee and was coming back to the General Education Committee for approval to list it as a humanities course. Jon asked how the class might fit with general education outcomes. Catherine encouraged Professor Morrow to try to get the course on the state transfer grid.

Pam Stout made a motion to approve the course as a general education humanities class.
Yuthika Kim seconded the motion.
Approval was unanimous.

The rest of the meeting was spent discussing the recent HLC site visit which went very favorably. OCCC uses data to drive decision-making. There was a bit of confusion on the part of the HLC evaluators regarding some language in the General Education Committee report. Committee members explained that the outcomes had evolved over the past decade so that they would not be tied to course specific graduation requirements and would reflect evidence of those outcomes across disciplines and courses.

Jon announced that there would be no December meeting.

At the time of the meeting, the FY12 recommendations had not been approved yet. The committee is not starting any new business at this time.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:21 p.m.