

General Education Committee
April 10, 2014 Minutes

Began 12:35 p.m.
Adjourned 1:00 p.m.

Present: Dr. Courtney Vahlberg, Jay Ramanjulu, Ernest Gobert, Mary Turner, Catherine Kinyon, Dr. Max Simmons, Anita Williams, Doug Gregory, and Dr. Kathy Wheat

Absent: Greg Gardner, Dr. Glenne' Whisenhunt, Brent Noel, Julie Rice-Rollins, and Pam Stout

Max began the meeting by making a motion to accept the March minutes as written. Ernest seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Courtney told the committee that Dr. Aquino had approved Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions outcome. Courtney said that she would find a way to show the results of the two previous outcomes (Social Institutions and Human Heritage, Culture, Values and Beliefs) in order to provide some continuity of the assessment data.

It was decided that the team assessing the new Human Heritage, Culture, and Institutions outcome would select the rubric that they would use. Jon Inglett had indicated that he wants to use one line from the old critical thinking rubric. The committee agreed that the assessment team would have a better sense of what measures would be appropriate.

Courtney said that she would send one more general reminder and one reminder specific to people who had volunteered regarding the collection of artifacts. She will take artifacts through May 23, the Friday after spring grades are turned in.

Catherine asked a question regarding accepting artifacts from collaborative classes. Teachers of collaborative classes were under the impression that they could not submit artifacts since these would represent a group effort. After considerable discussion by the committee, it was decided that if at least one person in the collaborative group met the criteria for his/her work to be accepted, the artifact could be submitted. It was further decided that the artifact would count as one submission *for each participating student who meets the criteria*. Assessment teams would do what they normally would in assessing the artifacts. Only Courtney and Dr. Janet Perry would know that the artifact would count multiple times.

Courtney then made a motion that the General Education Committee accept artifacts from collaborative learning classes provided that at least one member of the collaborative group has the minimum of 35 hours earned at OCCC. Max seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

Courtney made an additional motion that an artifact from a collaborative learning class will count as one artifact for each student in the collaborative group who has the minimum of 35 hours earned at OCCC. Max seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Catherine indicated that Courtney could get a list of faculty who are teaching collaboratively each semester from Greg Gardner.

Courtney told the committee that members of the assessment teams had confirmed that they would be available to complete their assessments over the summer.

She ended by thanking the members of the committee for their work and wished them a happy summer.

The meeting adjourned at 1 o'clock.