

October 9, 2008
General Education Committee Minutes
Jon Inglett, Chair

Meeting began: 12:31 p.m. Meeting adjourned: 1:26 p.m.

Members Present: Dr. Janet Perry, Doug Gregory, Jennifer Ball, Greg Gardner, Jay Ramanjulu, Catherine Kinyon, Max Simmons, Mary Turner, Kayla Fessler, Ernest Gobert, Marybeth McCauley, Randy Anderson, Yuthika Kim

Members Absent: Dr. Peggy Jordan, Robin McMurry

Old Business: Minutes approved with the following corrections:

Remove the title of “Dr.” from Greg Gardner and Catherine Kinyon
In the last paragraph, change “It was decided” to “It was discussed”

(motion to approve made by Jennifer Ball; seconded by Max Simmons)

New Business:

Jon began by providing an update on the assessment teams. He expressed his appreciation for the deans and faculty. Some teams have lost members who will be replaced. Some teams are in the finishing stages of writing their outcome and sub-components.

There was discussion regarding possibly rethinking the math outcomes to include higher math. It was suggested that this would complicate the process. Greg Gardner encouraged the committee to think in terms of the two types of degrees offered by OCCC and to focus on the core requirements that addressed a majority of the programs. He reminded the committee that one reason for using interdisciplinary teams in the planning process was to address the “generic student”. General education objectives should be buried within program objectives.

There was discussion regarding the fact that some of the learning outcomes represented skills that should be present across the curriculum. There is no specific course to teach some of these skills. A question was posed about how to introduce outcomes for which there is no specific class. Who becomes responsible for teaching these skills?

It was suggested that it might be helpful to have global components of the outcomes across the curriculum.

The remainder of the discussion regarding outcomes addressed whether an outcome should include an activity. Possible ways to rewrite and/or combine outcomes was discussed.

Max Simmons reminded the committee that another charge of the committee is to maintain the list of general education courses. A brief discussion of the process and timeline followed.