

GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL

AGENDA

April 11, 2011

UHB 2028

I. Approval of Minutes from March 28, 2011

With a change to page 2 comparative societies criteria; the last sentence stating “during the first year of college” is to be changed to “during the first year at UIS.”

John Martin moved to approve the minutes, Peter Shapinsky 2nd the motion and all were in favor.

II. Final Reading and Vote for approval of the Freshman Seminar Criteria

Changes by sub-committee Donna Bussell, Tarah Sweeting-Trotter, Heather Dell and Karen Moranski and Tung Nguyen in which they added the active learning piece.

Adding competencies under each learning outcomes.

Need a place to go over competencies on how to send an e-mail and the communication to the instructor. “electronic behavior department” requiring students to visit instructors during office hours, advising, deadlines among other suggestions.

Council made several suggestions to add to the criteria.

KM suggested that we need to get some criteria out fast so they can work this summer on their classes. Explain we will follow up with further learning outcomes at a later date.

Action: consensus because of time we will put out with a time line, and 2 other points; reducing to one page as first step.

With quantitative and communication pieces added in we will have e-vote to finalize and get out to faculty for the summer.

III. Peter Shapinsky and Heather Dell's report on the Comparative Societies Meeting.

Many of the same skills as freshman seminar and meshes well with it.

More difficulty with spring courses as far as attendance. Mid term grades concern as to if it was effective. Need for faculty to work closely with students on core skills. CS teachers concerned on class size, not feeling like they are giving individual support. Prefer to keep it a freshman seminar size. 30 depending on college. Weekly grading is important and cannot do extra with class size.

IV. General Education Council Annual Report 2010-11 (Draft)

It was suggested to document is reflective but not forward looking.
Places lacking in courses in certain area. So to tell how many courses
by category.

Not enough on ground ECCE courses, so many are being taught on
line.

future

Training

Freshman seminar

Global awareness revision

US communities revision

Assessment

Advising

Solicit and evaluate freshmen seminar

Changes to Final annual report will be made by Heather Dell and sent
to Campus Senate.

Geckos were awarded for meritorious service to the gen ed council.
Pinky earned special gecko for the compromise.

Steve Schnebly will be taking Jay Gilliams place.

Voted to not meet the final week of april.

Future Agenda

Intercultural awareness rubric for comparative societies assessment.