

Minutes of GER Committee Meeting

February 9, 2011

Members present: Bob Beebe, Kevin Ball, Rebecca Curnalia, Phil Munro, Matt O'Mansky, Sharon Stringer, Tod Porter (Chair)

1. The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m. The minutes of the January 27, 2010, meeting were approved.
2. The Chair reported that the Repository Policy passed at the last Senate meeting. The next step in implementing the policy will be the establishment of a rubric committee. Tod stated that the programming for the repository is going well and will include a function allowing faculty to e-mail students who have not submitted their writing in a timely manner. A draft memo encouraging them to do so was discussed.
3. The intent of the Learning Outcome for Domestic Diversity was discussed. It was decided not to include age at this time. The phrase verb "are" was substituted for "may be" in the language of the Learning Outcome, which now reads as follows: "Students will demonstrate knowledge of the experiences of different groups within the United States where those groups are defined by class, ethnicity, race, religion, disability, sex, or sexual orientation."
4. It was proposed that the GER Committee seek authority from the Senate to develop a course distribution system and that a review process be developed to consider changes.
5. As a carryover from the previous meeting, the committee discussed the following proposed rule: "Students must take two courses from each of the knowledge domains. Two additional courses must be taken from any of the four domains, but the two courses cannot both be taken from the same domain." Possible alternative language will be developed, and both sets of language will be discussed with the Advisors. This matter will appear on a subsequent agenda for the GER Committee.
6. The Chair announced that Student Government representatives have been invited to the February 17 meeting of the GER Committee to discuss the First Year Experience.
7. The following timeline was discussed: Proposed GER policy to Senate in March for information purposes, Senate vote in April, Committee members to support GER policy in College meetings.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Beebe