

GEC Minutes: October 27, 2009

Present: Chen, O'Mansky, McManus, Crist, Miller, Mullins, Munro, Gergits, Stringer, Horvath,
Absent: Armstrong, Bonhomme, Ritchey, Koneval, D'Orio, Doinoff

Students have been appointed (Joni Koneval, Sean Baran, Sarah Lowry), but not the BCOE representative.



- October 20 minutes: Gergits asked the committee to review the minutes for this and the previous meetings for approval at the next GEC [now scheduled for November 17, not November 10].
- The GEC further discussed the University College and retention issues:
 - What impact will the community college have on YSU and its general-education review? Some thought that a viable community college may “take” many of the students that the UC would be designed to help. Others pointed out that it’s unlikely that YSU will become anything other than an open-admissions university until the state forces the issue. Financially, it’s catastrophic to eliminate the lower-scoring students.
 - Some members argued that we’re rushing to design an entire college without having described or explored the problem fully. The original proposal was more modest. How did it get to be so much larger and more comprehensive?
 - Several noted that communication and process have not been effective. The GEC, for instance, has heard about it from Nate (thankfully), but no formal discussion or invitation for input has been extended. How will the new system work?
 - Some were in favor of pursuing the possibilities of becoming part of the new college. Gergits reminded the committee that administrative structure is the province of the administration. If they choose to make this change, they can do so. So far, we’ve not been asked for our opinion or ideas.
 - We need to know pretty quickly whether the GER will become part of the new college. It has a direct impact on what we design and how we proceed.
- Sign up for subcommittees (discussion of same): The GEC debated whether to have subcommittees and, if we do, when to begin their operation. There was considerable discussion of keeping the discussion in-house for a while, using the core GEC to develop the learning outcomes and making some progress so we know better what subcommittees will be helpful and how they should operate.
- Objection lodged against Case Studies in Forensic Anthropology (Anth 4879: After discussion, Phil Munro moved that the committee confirm its original decision to certify the course; Mike Crist seconded it. The motion carried, and the course was included in the senate report as originally planned.
- Review CCET course proposals:
 - 4884 (Civil/Structural Facilities Design): Capstone—The GEC voted unanimously to certify (Phil moved to certify; Mike seconded).
 - 4824: Environmental Technology: WI—Mike Crist moved certification; Sharon Stringer seconded. The GEC unanimously voted for certification.
 - Gergits suggested that there were some omissions from the other CCET proposals, which she will follow up on. Several of the other proposals look as if they would be suitable after small problems were resolved.

GEC Meeting Schedule Fall 2009

Meetings will be Tuesdays at 3:00. If no agenda items occur (fat chance of that), we’ll cancel.

September 1, Provost’s meeting room	October 27, Stambaugh
September 14, Stambaugh, Kilcawley	November 17 (changed from)10, Provost’s Conference Room, Tod Hall
September 29, Stambaugh	November 24, Stambaugh
October 20, Provost’s Conference Room	December 8, Stambaugh