

General Education Committee. Minutes of the meeting of November 30, 2010.

Present: O'Mansky, Ball, Munro, Curnalia, Crist, Bonhomme, Miller, Berson, Armstrong, Mullins, Porter (Chair).

Meeting called to order at 3:00PM

Porter presented a letter written to the Committee by members of the Biology Department. It offered concerns and questions about three specific aspects of the proposed Repository of Assessment Documents. These were: word limits for assignments, acceptable media, and workload issues. The Committee took note of the letter but made no changes to the existing outline.

General Education Responsible Citizenship Domain:

O'Mansky shared draft language for the Domestic Diversity component. The following wording was accepted by the Committee:

“Students will demonstrate knowledge of the experiences of different groups within the United States where those groups may be defined by class, ethnicity, race, religion, sex, or sexual orientation.”

Bonhomme shared draft language for the Sustainability component. The following language was accepted by the Committee:

“Students will demonstrate understanding of contemporary concerns regarding the environmental sustainability of social, economic, and technological systems and practices.”

The Committee accepted the following language for the Wellness component:

“Students will demonstrate understanding of and appreciation for the relationship between personal behaviors and lifelong health and wellness.”

The Committee accepted the following language for the International Perspectives component:

“Students will demonstrate knowledge of the artistic, social, economic, or political life of communities outside the United States.”

Porter (Chair) noted that the new model is “about ready” and will soon go to Senate. He asked for anonymous suggestions about course distribution among the four domains of the proposed new General Education Model.

Committee members were asked for their availability for one more meeting this semester, currently TBA.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05PM.

Respectfully submitted, Brian Bonhomme