

GEC Minutes: December 8, 2009

Present: O'Mansky, Munro, Gergits, Ritchey, Horvath, Bonhomme, Miller, Stringer, Baran, Lowry, McManus, Armstrong,

Absent: Crist, Mullins, Koneval



Sundries

- We discussed having two-hour or weekly meetings. Given the complexities of the GEC's schedules, it seemed more feasible to aim for weekly meetings.
- The Board of Trustees has tentatively supported the creation of a University College. GER doesn't seem to be included at this point.

Proposal to Eliminate Intensives Requirement

- The GEC discussed changing the general-education model to eliminate intensive courses and programmatic intensive certification. The proposal (revised proposal attached) specifies that the GEC is not proposing a change to the GER learning outcomes. Writing, speaking, and critical thinking remain pivotal learning outcomes that are the primary responsibility of individual programs, as they have been since the inception of this model. We propose removing the requirement that students complete intensive courses or graduate from a program that has proven that its courses are sufficiently "intensive" to warrant certification.
- Nate Ritchey moved acceptance of the proposal; Brian Bonhomme seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.
- The GEC recommended that Gergits contact some departments that were particularly involved in programmatic intensive proposals to vet the idea. She said that she'd also talk to various deans, department chairs, and other agenda-setters.
- The rest of the meeting was spent revising the written proposal that will go to the Academic Senate when Gergits submits the motion in the GEC report. Gergits will incorporate the GEC's revisions and resubmit it to the committee for another review.
- The final proposal will be attached to the GEC's report for the February meetings. At that time, Gergits will make the motion; she'll need someone to second it so it can be entered for discussion.

Just a Note:

- Because of construction in Tod Hall (the sawing off of a corner to create a new-and-improved steel-curtain-wall staircase and entry way), Gergits has moved the GER office out of Tod and into her English department office (DeBartolo Hall 239).