FYE Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Thursday, February 14, 2013 @ 9:00-10:00 a.m.
Place: New Student Programs

Committee Members in attendance
Delfeld, Helen J (DelfeldH@cofc.edu)
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Also in attendance:
Smith, Kay H (SmithKH@cofc.edu),
Cabot, Jeri O" (CabotJ@cofc.edu),

Agenda Items are listed below with points discussed at the meeting

   a. Religion, Animals, and Animal Ethics-Todd LeVasseur
   b. A Brand Called You-Christine Moore
   c. Arab Culture-Tahani Higgins

   Discussion:
   • Chris reported we lost four FYE classes for the fall 2013
     due to faculty leaving or faculty unable to teach the
     classes.
   • The Religion and the Arab Culture Courses were
     approved.
   • Chris will contact Christine Moore for details related to
     the FYE course proposal learning outcomes & signature
     assignments before approval.

2. Proposal to adjust the Expected Learning Outcomes for the FYE courses
   • Chris recommended the Learning Outcomes be adjusted to three
     from eight. FYE/FYSM courses would still be accountable for two
     of the three learning outcomes.
   • Recommendation to keep the following learning outcomes:
     o Use of academic resources and student support services at
       College of Charleston, including the library, information
       technology, the Center for Student Learning, the Academic
       Advising and Planning Center, the office of Career Services,
       and other appropriate academic resources, student support
       services, and cultural resources.
- Familiarity with appropriate data, information and knowledge-gathering techniques and research skills in the discipline

- Using appropriate critical thinking skills and problem-solving techniques in a variety of contexts.

**Suggestions to not use the following learning outcomes**

- Understanding the goals of liberal arts and sciences education and the core values of College of Charleston

- Understanding and respecting the values of academic integrity, including the College Honor Code

- Using effective skills and strategies for working collaboratively

- Engaging constructively in the College and local communities

**Discussion:**

- During FYE training writing, reading and speech will be encouraged for the courses but not as a measured outcome.

- Kay Smith shared information from the QEP stating that measuring writing samples is difficult to maintain consistency and measure improvement.

- Courses that are considered for General Education credit would still be accountable to the Gen. Ed writing learning outcomes.

- Chris will re-format the Learning Outcomes and send them to the committee for input before our next meeting.

**Next Committee Meeting:** Thursday, March 21, 2013 @ 9:00 a.m. in NSP