FYE Committee Meeting

Date of Meeting: Friday, September 14, 2012 @ 12:00-1:00 p.m.

Committee Members in attendance
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Also in attendance:
Smith, Kay H (SmithKH@cofc.edu),
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Agenda Items are listed below with points discussed at the meeting

1. Brief Review of Fall Enrollments and Spring Courses
   Mindy Miley shared the enrollments for freshman students in FYE classes.
   - Key points shared:
     o For 2011-12, less than 50% of students remained in the classes they were manually enrolled in. Most changed their FYE choice.
     o For 2012-13, 1351 students are enrolled in FYE classes
     o 801 students need to take spring FYE classes.
     o Only 5 students withdrew from FYE classes.
     o Message is strong and shared with advisors to have students take their FYE class in the fall.
     o Difficult to have enough FYE classes for students needing a class in the spring. Chris Korey was able to secure enough FYE classes for the Spring 2013.

   The Information Literacy Assessment results were shared. The outcomes showed baseline knowledge of first-year students library literacy.

2. FYST – Study Abroad Proposal Suggestions were presented by Chris Korey. Shared proposal to receive feedback from the committee for the possibility.
   - A cover letter draft & new course form example was provided.
   - Questions Discussed:
- Is it possible for a spring break experience/class to receive one credit? (Question from Kay Smith)
- Helen suggested funding would need to be provided to help students study abroad or only those with appropriate parent support would be able to take part in the FYE experience.
- Course option suggestion: students could take FYE credit to work as a research assistant with an intro to research class.
- Concern: 1-3 credit offerings as FYSM may send the wrong message that one-credit FYE classes are available to meet all requirements.

3. HSS Summer FYE Proposal (from Maureen Hays)– shared by Chris Korey
   Question for committee—would this fulfill learning outcomes and allow a student to fulfill their FYE requirement.
   - New Opportunity FYE Program/class suggested—“Summer Preview”
     Students arrive early in the summer to meet for a Maymester style class and then travel/study abroad during spring break. Emphasis is on experiential and service learning.
   - Class Structure: Run 6 FYSMs at the end of summer in a proposed summer August semester. An intense FYE experience prior to fall enrollment.
   - Concerns from the committee:
     o Logistical details including housing etc are being explored elsewhere.
     o Questions discussed:
       ▪ Concern: would the course proposed be able to meet the FYE requirements?
       ▪ Possible advantages presented:
         • Taking the FYE in the summer will help students graduate in 4 years.
         • Provides flexibility for departments and summer teaching opportunities.
     o Committee is suggesting information regarding how summer support would be available for such a course (housing, summer housing staff, meals, peer facilitator support, etc). Would student affairs support this proposal?
     o Rewording of the proposal from Maureen Hay including how above issues will be addressed.

4. New FYE course proposals will be reviewed at the next two meetings.
   Dates for next 3 fall meetings are: Friday October 19th and 26th and November 16th 12:00-1:00