The Committee on General Education met Thursday, January 30, at 3:00 p.m. in 353 RSS

Committee Members in attendance were Charles Calvert, Karen Smail, James Williams, Chris Warnick, Karen Berg and Robert Mignone. This constituted a quorum. Guests: Shawn Morrison, Gia Quesada, and Mary Bergstrom.

Actions

I. The following courses were considered for general education recertification within the designated requirements:

SOCIAL SCIENCES

1. HON 163 Honors Psychology(recert) Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it was not a multi-part essay and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric
2. URST 101(Formerly 201) Introduction To Urban Studies Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it conforms to the Social Sciences rubric
3. URST 310 Urban Planning Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it is not a part of a group project and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric. Using a biography paper does not align with the rubric.

II. The following courses were considered for general education initial certification within the designated requirements. The CGE recommendations will be forwarded to the Senate for consideration:

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4. URST 320 Town and Country Planning Approved conditioned upon correcting the signature assignment so that it is not a part of a group project and conforms to the Social Sciences rubric. Using a biography paper does not align with the rubric.
5. URST 360 Land Use Law Approved conditioned providing a signature assignment

Discussions (Non action items)

1. The committee discussed the issue of deciding whether or not to close new general education courses beginning next year for a fixed number of years. A meeting will be called for Thursday, February 13 to consider this.
2. The committee discussed the results of the Fall 2013 assessment of general education, which took place earlier this month. We agreed that the effort was a valuable learning experience and the ARGs have concrete ideas for improving it. The results of the gen ed assessment were put into this context, with the expectation that spring results would represent a much better reflection of the overall effectiveness of our general education program in achieving the agreed upon goals. This will guide us towards modifications and improvements of Gen Ed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:50 pm. Bob Mignone, Committee Chair