Committee on General Education Report for 2012-12

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The Committee on General Education remained on hold during most of the fall semester 2012 as a group of representatives from Academic Affairs, the Committee on General Education and the Committee for Assessment of Institutional Effectiveness developed an assessment plan for general education based on the General Education Approval Criteria passed by the Senate the previous academic year. Once the assessment plan was complete, a workshop was held on November 17, 2012 in order to come up with signature assignments and rubrics for assessing the student learning outcomes for each of the general education requirements. At this point proposal forms were created based on the approval criteria, student learning outcomes and rubrics, for courses currently with general education status seeking general education recertification that would align them for assessment. The only new courses that were evaluated using the new forms were the FYSM courses planned for 2013-14 that sought general education status. The FYSM courses were evaluated during December 2012 and January 2013.

Beginning on January 10 and for the remainder of Spring 2013 the General Education Committee met for a total of eleven times, with its final meeting on April 18, 2013. The meetings dealt with the recertification of existing general education courses seeking recertification that would allow for assessment via the new General Education Assessment Plan. Courses seeking initial general education status (other than FYSM courses) were asked to submit their proposals during the 2013-14 academic year. The committee evaluated and recommended recertification for a total of 322 courses.

Minutes of all meetings are available and a list of recertified courses are on the General Education website managed by Gia Quesada.