

Actions: Council on General Education

Minutes from the Meeting of the Council on General Education February 6-7, 2003 1:00 pm Georgia Southern University

Feb. 6, 2003 1:00 pm

Members present: James Burran, Tom Fox, Jim Fletcher, Bill Fritz, Bob Haney, Larry Mobley, Shirley Hall, Jack Morrell, Pete Silver, Dorothy Zinsmeister

Members excused: Cathie Hudson, John Lupold

Invited Participants: Frank Butler, Virginia Carson, Linda Damico, Donna Brooks, Wasdon Graydon

The Council continued the discussion on identifying suggested action steps for the Board of Regents related to Goal 1, Recommendation 1; Goal 1, Recommendation 2; and Goal 3, Recommendation 4 of the Board's new Strategic Plan.

The three items about which the Board would like to receive suggested action steps from the expanded General Education Council are:

- Goal 1, Recommendation 1: Encourage academic structures that promote interdisciplinary learning, learning communities, and highlight the interconnectedness of knowledge;
- Goal 1, Recommendation 2: Integrate ethical studies and diversity more fully into the core curriculum and general studies; and
- Goal 3. Recommendation 4: Encourage more collaboration between two-year and four-year institutions in the revision of curricula and the refinement of course objectives.

The Council discussed each of the Goals and Recommendations individually, and continued to refine the "options to consider" documents by clarifying proposed actions, combining like items, and discussing a format for presentation to the Board of Regents at its May 2003 meeting. Dr. Burran agreed to collate all the suggestions and send out a draft document for the Council to consider.

The meeting adjourned at 5:00 pm.

Feb. 7, 2003 8:30 am

Actions of the Council on General Education

1. Gainesville College

INST 1602, Leadership Development for Groups (previously submitted as TBLD 1502, Team Building (2) Area B elective)

NOT APPROVED

Course is not clearly differentiated from INST 1502. Council also requests appropriate information required for course consideration: a syllabus which supplies detailed information regarding the content of the course, and an explanation of how course content relates to the course objectives.

2. Valdosta State University

Geography 1100 Introduction to Geography (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

3. Gordon College

ISCI 1121, Integrated Science (4) with Laboratory

NOT APPROVED FOR AREA D1 AND AREA B.

Council requests appropriate information required for course consideration: detailed information regarding the laboratory content of the course, and evidence of scientific inquiry in the course.

***Requested information sent to the Council. ISCI 1121 APPROVED FOR AREA D1 AND AREA B ON MARCH 14, 2003.*

4. Georgia College and State University

a. ANTH 1102, Introduction to Anthropology (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

b. GEOG 1101, Introduction to Human Geography (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

c. GEOG 1102, World Regional Geography (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

d. PSY 1101, General Psychology (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

5. State University of West Georgia

THEA 2214, Concepts in Theater Design (3)

NOT APPROVED FOR AREA C

Tentative topics and daily class activities are not aligned. C1 or C2 designation not clear.

**Revised syllabus sent and was reviewed by the Council.

THEA 2214 APPROVED FOR AREA C1 OF THE CORE AT SWUG ON MARCH 14, 2003.

6. **Georgia State University**

CRJU 2200, Social Science and the American Crime Problem (3)

APPROVED FOR AREA E ELECTIVE

7. **eCore Core Curriculum**

TABLED for discussion at next meeting

The Council members recommended that it would be helpful to send a reminder to the VPAA's on the purpose of the Core Curriculum. A reminder on the purpose of Area B in the core was also suggested.

Dr. Burran announced the plans for subsequent Council meetings:

Summer meeting – Macon area

Fall 2003 meeting – North Georgia area

Spring 2004 meeting – Savannah State University

Council members thanked Bob Haney for hosting this Council meeting and for the very gracious hospitality of Georgia Southern University.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

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