

General Education and Diversity Committee
November 14, 2008
Submeet Notes

PRESENT: Peggy Ballard, Christopher Corley, Steven Gilbert, Julie Kerr-Berry, Brian Martensen, Rachelle Toupenca, David Gjerde

The meeting was opened at 8:05 am.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: The status of a student appeal was briefly discussed. Also, it was determined that some time would be spent next week editing and approving old minutes.

Chris updated the committee on the policy regarding the foreign language requirement of Gen. Ed. MNSCU has decided first year foreign language course are not to be counted in Goal #8. This committee was part of the recommendation for this policy last year. This policy is consistent with the Univ. of Minnesota thus easing any transfer issues.

An issue had also arisen earlier in the week regarding removing a W designation (writing component) from a course. This issue seems to have been resolved via email between the Registrar and the interested parties. In general, courses can add a W to a course by applying for that status, but offering a writing course as a non-W would require the creation of a new course number.

Lastly, the committee is reminded to submit their **unavailable** times for meeting during the upcoming Spring semester to Chris as soon as possible.

GECCIG: The committee set a goal of having the Spring GECCIG team meetings arranged by our December 5th meeting.

DIVERSITY: After our recent revisions, we are near a final version of the Diversity Guidelines for inclusion in the Catalog. A few changes were suggested. The waiver of the requirement for transfer students with 64 credits or an AA should be changed to 60 credits or an AA (the mesh with the move to 120-credit degrees). Similarly the partial waiver of the requirement should apply to transfer students with 30-59 credits (formerly 34-63). Also, the committee agreed to add back into the document language preventing only certain sections of courses to be Gold or Purple.

Julie will send a copy of the latest version to Brenda and the members of this committee. Once a final version is made, a copy will be sent to the former members of the original committee that created the guideline.

Peggy agreed to speak with Stuart Ross of CETL regarding their role in providing training on the creation of Gold courses. The application to attain Strategic Priorities Funding will also be discussed. That application is due December 5th. A question was raised as to whether Academic Affairs had previously indicated money may be available for training through them. A discussion was then held as to what this training should incorporate. It was suggested that both short workshops as well as continuing semester seminars be offered, the later of which would possibly require the funding of course releases for a trainer. The possibility of inviting the Univ. of Minnesota's newly hired Associate VP in Community-Based/Engaged Learning present workshops was also mentioned.

UPCOMING MEETINGS: A reminder was given to try and attend the 120 Credit Meeting (Nov. 18th from 12-2:30). Also, the committee is reminded that our November 21st meeting will include a presentation by Brenda Flannery on the Honor's program. December 5th will focus on a discussion of Assessment models with Avra Johnson and Scott Olson.

The meeting adjourned at 8:53 am.

Respectfully submitted by

Brian Martensen