

MINUTES
UNC PEMBROKE GENERAL EDUCATION SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING
University Center - Room 233
January 25, 2007

Call to Order: Beverly King, standing in for Chairperson Jane Huffman, called the meeting to order at 3:38 p.m.

Members Present: Carl Danis, Kim Gunter, Beverly King, Tom Leach, Jeremy Sellers

Members Absent: Jane Huffman

Guests: Alona Smolova, Director, Office of Institutional Research & Planning

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of the November 16, 2006 meeting approved as presented.

Approval of Agenda: Agenda approved as presented.

Agenda Item: General Education Goals and Objectives

The new General Education Goals and Objectives were recently presented by Huffman to the Academic Affairs committee. Several questions were raised at that time about the wording of the goals/objectives. The concerns of the Academic Affairs committee and the actions voted upon by the General Education Subcommittee are listed in the table below:

Question/concern	Action taken
The Critical Thinking goal reads "The UNCP graduate will read analytically and think critically." However, reading analytically is not reflected in the accompanying objectives.	The GE subcommittee voted to omit the word "analytically" from the goal so that it will read "The UNCP graduate will read and think critically."
The last objective under the Mathematics goal reads "The student will be able to demonstrate mathematical literacy." A suggestion was made to change "mathematical literacy" to "numeracy."	The subcommittee voted to retain the original wording.
It was suggested that "Informational Literacy" be a separate goal with its own objectives rather than having objectives related to informational literacy distributed across several goals.	The subcommittee voted to retain the representation of informational literacy in several sets of objectives rather than to create a separate goal.
The diversity goal should be labeled simply "Diversity" rather than "Appreciation of Diversity."	The subcommittee voted to remove the words "Appreciation of" from the diversity goal label.

Agenda Item: General Education Course Proposal Form

Each committee member received a copy of a new general education course proposal form created by Huffman. Sellers noted that the "Appreciation of Diversity" goal area listed on the proposal form now will need to read simply "Diversity" following the committee's vote to remove the additional words from this goal. Further discussion of this form will take place at the next meeting.

Agenda Item: Assessment of General Education

This item will be carried over to the next meeting of the subcommittee.

Old Business: None.

New Business:**Agenda Item: AAC&U Institute on General Education (Application Deadline February 23)**

Committee members were asked to indicate if they could participate in the AAC&U Institute on General Education to be held May 18-23, 2007 in Newport, Rhode Island. Leach commented on the value of the AAC&U institutes, especially now as we prepare to create a general education assessment plan. No one can attend except King who will try to find four other UNCP faculty members or administrators to complete the five-person team necessary for participation.

Announcements:

- Future meeting dates
 - Thursday, February 22, 2007
 - Thursday, March 22, 2007
 - Thursday, April 26, 2007
- Dr. Leach closed the meeting by thanking Dr. Alona Smolova for her work while at UNCP and wishing her well in future endeavors.

Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Beverly R. King