

Academic Affairs Committee
April 16, 2009
Meeting Notes

Committee members in attendance:

Kathy Menzie (chair)

Keith Mazacheck

Paul Byrne

Kanalis Okree

Debbie Isaacson

Cal Melick

Dan Peterson (representation for School of Applied Studies in Lori Khan and Linda Croucher's absence)

Nancy Tate (ex officio)

Guests:

Donna LaLonde, representing the Assessment Committee

The meeting was called to order by Kathy Menzie.

PE 198/KN198

The Committee discussed a letter and comments received regarding the faculty vote to retain PE 198/KN198 and how it could fit into the Gen Ed Proposal.

Communication with faculty

The Committee discussed how best to address faculty concerns regarding what is perceived to be "silence" from the Academic Affairs Committee, although the Committee has been meeting weekly to work through the Gen Ed Proposal.

Gen Ed Proposal

Action: The motion was made and carried to bring to the Faculty Senate the Committee's recommendation for Phase I of the Gen Ed Proposal, which will include items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 from the Gen Ed Proposal document (with changes made by the committee during the review process).

A draft of the preamble and items 1, 2, 3, 4 and 7 will be created and distributed to committee members for their review before forwarding to the Faculty Senate.

The suggestion was made to include a list of items the committee still needs to address before bringing them to the Faculty Senate for a vote. The committee agreed to work on the list at the next meeting.

The committee discussed the importance of the assessment component to the overall general education plan. The committee recognized faculty would want to know how the assessment piece would apply to general education courses and how it would impact faculty. The committee agreed to have some of the members work on the assessment portion of the proposal during the summer. Then a more comprehensive proposal could be presented to faculty for their input when schools starts in the fall.

Meeting adjourned.