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USFSP General Education Committee
Meeting Minutes: 3/4/2010

Present: Tom Carter, Dawn Cecil, Morgan Gresham, Tina Neville, Ernie Gonzalez, Olivia Hodges

The minutes from the previous meeting were reviewed and approved.

Ernie Gonzalez discussed the forthcoming task force meetings. He passed out the agenda for the meetings, course level data, and mentioned that he sent the committee an e-mail with other data. He stressed the importance of good dialogue at the meetings. Stated that we need to focus on the changes that have been made. While it is important to discuss positive results, if faculty found that there were things that did not work it is important to discuss these as well. He stated that they plan on having all of the data as handouts on the tables during the meetings, and a sheet for each participant to record course level data. Morgan suggested that the information be sent out prior to the meetings so people could begin to think about it. She also asked about the role of the committee during these meetings. Ernie stated that it would be to run tables and facilitate the conversations.

On behalf of the English faculty, Morgan requested that the committee approve a 5th student learning outcome be added. This outcome, like the others, is based on the national standards that they follow. The version presented was “students will demonstrate the ability to work rhetorically in Electronic Environments throughout the composing process: researching, drafting, reviewing, revising, editing, and sharing texts.” Tina moved to approve the addition of this SLO; Dawn seconded the motion. The committee approved the addition of this SLO to the GE outcomes.

Cyndie Collins sent Morgan an e-mail requesting that the GE committee consider removing HSC 2133 from the GE course offering as this course has not been offered since Fall 2007 and also was funded by another USF campus (therefore, it was not one of our courses). Tom was concerned that this course might have been taught by a USFSP faculty member and did not want to vote on the matter until we had this information. The committee moved to vote via e-mail once the information was obtained. Subsequently, it was determined that this course was not taught by one of our faculty members and the committee voted to support Cyndie’s request.

Morgan presented the committee with a revised version of the General Education Course Application Form. The most recent version included a text box to show the approval process of the application. A couple of corrections were noted by the committee and then the form was approved.

Morgan presented the committee with a memo from the Faculty Senate that proposes changes to the structure of the GE committee and asked us to consider the proposal. The discussion was tabled until the next meeting.

The committee agreed to schedule the next GE committee meeting for Thursday, March 25 at 1:00 pm.

The meeting was adjourned.