

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, January 25, 2008

Attendees:

Dave James, Chair / Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Bea Babbitt, Director of Academic Assessment
Carryn Bellomo, Chair, Faculty Senate Gen Ed Committee
Stephen Caplan, Professor of Music
Jennifer Fabbi, Head / Curriculum Materials Library
Tim Gauthier, Assistant Dean, University College
Janet Gustafson, Program Officer / Office of the Vice Provost for Academic Affairs
Chris Heavey, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Stacey Hardy-Desmond, Associate Prof. in Residence / Social Work
Jean Henry, Associate Professor / Health Promotion
Vicki Holmes, Director / English Language Center
Jeff Jablonski, Associate Prof. of English / Assist. Director of General Education
Patricia Markos, Associate Professor of Counselor Education
Kelly Mays, Associate Professor / English
Steve Miller, Chair / Professor of Economics
Ed Nagelhout, Assistant Professor / English
Steve Rowland, Professor of Geology
Susan Thompson, Director / International Programs
Martha Young, Professor / Curriculum and Instruction

SUMMARY:

1) Open Meeting - 9:00 AM

2) Welcome to Guests and Introductions - Dave James

- Christine Clark, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion - presenter
- Chris Heavey – new member / replacing Dr. Andrew Bell
- Susan Thompson – new member
- Stacey Hardy-Desmond – new member

3) Review of Today's Agenda

- No changes or additions to the agenda.

4) Review of Notes of Meeting of December 14, 2007

- No changes to the notes.

5) Calendar of Planned Events for This Academic Year - Dave James

- Call (895-5804) or email Dr. James (dave.james@unlv.edu) with ideas / topics / presenters for future meetings.
- All meeting dates are on Fridays.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	TOPIC
02/22/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	Nationally Normed Instruments and What They Mean for Gen Ed, Dr. Bea Babbitt **Postponed until March as Dr. Babbitt is unavailable in February.
03/28/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	Discuss Draft Recommendations?
04/25/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	Discuss Final Recommendations?
05/09/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	Plans for Next Year

6) “Diversity in the Curriculum @ UNLV: Food for Thought? & Action!” - Dr. Christine Clark, Vice President for Diversity and Inclusion

- HANDOUT: “Diversity in the Curriculum @ UNLV: Food for Thought? & Action”
 - ◇ Three Possible Approaches to Diversity in the Curriculum
 1. Course, Et. Al. Based
 - HANDOUT: “Diversity CORE Courses Recommendations”
 2. Outcomes Based
 - HANDOUT: “Effective Multicultural Curriculum Transformation Across Disciplines”
 3. Dialogue Lab Option
 - HANDOUT: “Undergraduate Syllabus”
 - HANDOUT: “Graduate Syllabus”
 - HANDOUT: “CORE Diversity Intergroup Dialogue Option”
- HANDOUT: “Institute for Multicultural Education and Diversity Training”

7) Status Report on General Education Activities and Budget for Spring 2008 - Dave /Jeff Jablonski / Bea Babbitt

- Writing Links Status for Spring 2008 – Jeff
 - ◇ Best registration - five sections this semester
 - ◇ Program will continue in Fall 08
- Associate Director of Assessment Search – Dave / Bea
 - ◇ Encouraged Gen Ed Committee members to attend the meetings with the three candidates.
 - ◇ HANDOUT: “Request to Participate in Candidate Interviews”
- Nationally Normed Gen Ed Assessment Instruments – Bea
 - ◇ Executive Vice President and Provost (EVP&P), Dr. Neal Smatresk, has asked Dr. Bea Babbitt, Director of Academic Assessment, to make a recommendation.
 - ◇ Reviewing writing and critical thinking on three tests – CAP, CLA, and MAP
 - ◇ Suggestions by the General Education Committee
 - Contact Diana VanderPol, Head, Libraries Instruction Department, regarding CLA
 - Contact Ruby Fowler, Assistant Director of Composition, and Stephen Brown, Composition Director, regarding CAP
- EVP&P’s Planning Town Hall Wrap Up February 15, 2008 – Dave
 - ◇ Dr. James encouraged committee members to participate in the process.
- General Education Retreat (September 7, 2007) - Dave
 - ◇ HANDOUT: “General Education Retreat Note Card Summary” by Kenneth Lamb
 - The entire report and Excel spreadsheet containing data for the entire General Education Retreat response cards will be emailed to the committee.

8) Working Group Status Reports and Discussion

- Goal of Advisory Committee effort for Spring 2008 is to develop refined set of proposed outcomes for presentation to Faculty Senate.
- Updates by the Four Working Groups
 - ◇ Communications – Martha Young, Chair
 - HANDOUT: “General Ed Subcommittee on Communications Mid-Year Report”
 - ◇ Global and Multicultural
 - Dr. James invited new members to join. Two attended today.
 - Susan Thompson and Stacey Hardy-Desmond joined the group.
 - Group to meet on February 15, 2008.
 - ◇ Ethics and Citizenship, Jean Henry, Chair
 - HANDOUT: “Ethics / Citizenship Working Group”
 - Need additional group members.
 - Requested Dr. Dave James find content expert(s) to help the group.
 - ◇ Information – Jennifer Fabbi, Chair
 - HANDOUT: “Information Working Group Status Report 1/25/08”

9) Summary of Action Items for This Meeting - Dave

10) **Adjourn** - 10:30 AM