

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, February 22, 2008

Attendees:

Dave James, Chair / Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Daniel Cook, Assistant Professor / Mechanical Engineering
Jennifer Fabbi, Head / Curriculum Materials Library
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
Vicki Holmes, Director / English Language Center
Jeff Jablonski, Associate Prof. of English / Assist. Director of General Education
Kelly Mays, Associate Professor / English
Steve Miller, Chair / Professor of Economics
Steve Rowland, Professor of Geology
Diane VanderPol, Head / Libraries Instruction Department

Guests:

David Forman, Assistant Professor / Philosophy
Joe Gilbert, Associate Professor / Management
Mark Lutz, Assistant Professor / Political Science
Dan Stout, Professor / Journalism & Media Studies

SUMMARY:

1) Open Meeting - 9:00 AM

2) Welcome to Guests and Introductions - Dave James

- Content Experts on Ethics
 1. David Forman
 2. Joe Gilbert
 3. Mark Lutz
 4. Dan Stout

3) Review of Today's Agenda

- No changes or additions to the agenda.

4) Review of Notes of Meeting of January 25, 2008

- 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
03/28/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	Nationally Normed Instruments and What They Mean for Gen Ed, Dr. Bea Babbitt; 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) 9:15 – 9:45 a.m. – Discussion with Ethics Content Experts on Potential Outcomes and Curriculum for Engaged Ethical Professionals and Citizens

- Provided information on how can improve delivery of ethics across the curriculum.
- Provided input to guide the committee’s thinking on the development of new learning outcomes for general education.

7) 9:45– 10:00 a.m. – Focus 50/100 Town Hall Wrap-Up Discussion and Possible Action Items

- Majority of the meeting was spent on the Education portion.
- A draft of the recommendations should be available by the next General Education Advisory meeting, March 28, 2008.

8) 10:00 – 10:30 a.m. - 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.
- **HANDOUT:** “Table Two: Summary of General Education Student Learning Outcomes Indicators by General Education Program Objective (Summer 2005)” – Indiana State University
- Updates by the Four Working Groups
 - ◇ Communications – Diane VanderPol
 - Developing outcomes for written, verbal, oral and digital communication.
 - Want to expand the scope of “Writing Across the Curriculum” objectives to the communication component.
 - ◇ Global and Multicultural
 - Looking at other institutions for models on how to structure and for outcomes language (e.g. Portland State University).
 - ◇ Ethics and Citizenship
 - HANDOUT:** “Promising Models for General Education”
 - ◇ Information – Jennifer Fabbri, Chair
 - Outcome language is almost complete.
 - Looking now at proposals for implementation; possibly to tag on with Communications group (i.e. Research Across the Curriculum).
 - Looking at other institutions (Promising Models) for benchmarking outcomes.

9) Summary of Action Items for This Meeting – Dave

- Committee will develop curricular outcomes that they want all students to have.
- Committee will develop curricular recommendations that are across the curriculum and not course specific.

10) Adjourn – 11:00 AM