

GENERAL EDUCATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING SUMMARY
Friday, March 28, 2008

Attendees:

Dave James, Chair / Associate Vice Provost for Academic Programs
Bea Babbitt, Director of Academic Assessment
Daniel Cook, Assistant Professor / Mechanical Engineering
Jennifer Fabbi, Head / Curriculum Materials Library
Tim Gauthier, Assist Dean, University College
Stacey Hardy-Desmond, Associate Prof. in Residence / Social Work
Chris Heavey, Associate Dean, College of Liberal Arts
Jean Henry, Associate Professor / Health Promotion
Vicki Holmes, Director / English Language Center
Jeff Jablonski, Associate Prof. of English / Assist. Director of General Education
Ed Nagelhout, Assistant Professor / English
Susan Thompson, Director, International Programs
Martha Young, Professor / Curriculum and Instruction

SUMMARY:

1) Open Meeting and Introductions - 9:00 AM

2) Review of Today's Agenda

- No changes or additions to the agenda.

3) Review of Notes of Meeting of February 22, 2008

- **HANDOUT:** "February 22, 2008 - Meeting Summary"
- No changes to the notes.

4) News Items for March 2008

- Selection of UNLV to Participate in AAC&U Gen Ed Institute May 30-June 4, 2008
HANDOUT: "Confirmed Attendee List for AAC&U Gen Ed Institute"
 - Five Gen Ed Advisory Committee members are on the team representing a mix of disciplines for the Gen Ed AAC&U Institute.**HANDOUT:** "UNLV's AAC&U Gen Ed Institute One Page Statement"
- College of Urban Affairs Learning Communities Launch
 - Have been invited to present to Gen Ed Advisory Committee in May 2008.
- Focus 50-100 Status for Education Outcomes
 - Jen Fabbi will send Faculty Senate's approved strategic plan to committee members.
- Spring 2010 NWCCU Accreditation Visit and Steering Committee
 - Several Gen Ed Advisory Committee members are on UNLV's Accreditation Steering Committee.

5) Review of 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.
- Meeting Times and Locations for 2008-2009 Academic Year
HANDOUT: “Tentative Meeting Dates 2008-2009”
- Committee agreed to wait to finalize recommendations early Fall 2008.

DATE	LOCATION	TIME	TOPIC
04/25/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	a) Co-curricular Aspects of General Education - Karen Strong, Associate Vice President Student Life b) Discuss Draft Recommendations
05/09/08	SU 222	9:00 - 10:30 am	a) Adam Sikula and Joe Valenzano III – College of Urban Affairs Learning Communities b) Discuss Draft Recommendations and Plans for Next Year

6) Discussion with Dr. Bea Babbitt on General Education Assessment at UNLV. “What do we know (or not know) about how our current curriculum is working?”

- **HANDOUT:** “General Education Assessment”

7) 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
 1. Communications
 - Martha Young reported
HANDOUT: “Committee Report to General Education Advisory Committee March 28, 2008”
 2. Global and Multicultural
 - Group will meet April 18, 2008.
 - Jeff Jablonski will chair this working group.
 3. Ethics and Citizenship
 - Jean Henry reported
 - Need to work with ethics experts on content.
HANDOUT: “Progress Report – 28 March, 2008”
 4. Information
 - Jennifer Fabbi reported
 - Group wants departments to be able to “own” the outcomes.
 - Getting “buy-in” is the next step.
HANDOUT: “Proposed UNLV General Education Information Outcomes March 28, 2008”
HANDOUT: “College Readiness Assessment Update February 2008 – Clark County School District”

9) Summary of Action Items for This Meeting – Dave

- Martha Young suggested that the Gen Ed Advisory Committee recommend ways in which key senior UNLV faculty, committed to undergraduate education, can become part of the reform effort, via release time, stipends for professional development.
- Chris Heavey stated that the merit system is the most significant lever to influence faculty behavior. Differences in rewards across colleges, especially those with lower percentage weights on teaching and service, can hinder implementation of reforms.
- Dave James suggested asking working groups to caucus at one of the upcoming meetings and recommend
 1. Steps to attain faculty buy-in
 2. Estimates of resource needs to implement reform
- Dave will send the global, multicultural group contact information to Jeff Jablonski who will consolidate available information and schedule a meeting. Vicki Holmes, Kelly Mays, and Stacey Hardy-Desmond will send the information that they developed to Jeff.
- Dave will ask Janet Gustafson to get a meeting room from 9:00 – 11:00 a.m. on 4/18/08 for 6-8 people.

10) Adjourn – 10:30 AM