

General Education Subcommittee

Minutes 6 October 2009

THC 310, 3:00 PM

Present: Anderson, Lawson, Marquardt, Neff, Price, Williams

1. Steve Bisese, VP for Student Affairs; Tom Roberts, Director of Recreation and Wellness; and Tracy Cassalia, Health Educator, spoke and presented a slide show about proposed changes in the Wellness Program, which they intend to present at the December 10 meeting of University faculty. The changes amount to a tweaking of the present Wellness Program and include (1) an online version of WELL 085: URAWARE, which would be completed in the first semester of matriculation and followed up by an alcohol seminar on campus and (2) enhancement and expansion of current topics and reduction of class sizes of WELL 090: PLUS2. They sought endorsement of their proposal by the General Education Subcommittee.
2. Discussion about the endorsement focused on whether Wellness was part of the general ed program. In the past, it has been considered to be so, e. g., the faculty vote taken on dropping the old swimming requirement. There was no committee opposition to endorsing the proposal but some questioned whether it should be presented separately or rolled into the general ed proposal. Since there was no necessity to act immediately, it was decided to postpone endorsement for now.
3. The Subcommittee gave its endorsement to a motion Gene will make about FYS at the special University Faculty Meeting this Thursday, October 8. FYS, will, for the 2010-11 school year only, substitute for general education requirements previously fulfilled by Core, English 103 and Library 100/101 and not satisfy any other general education requirements, including FOS. Determination, however, about whether any given FYS course satisfies a major, minor, or concentration requirements will fall under the discretion of the appropriate department, program or school.
4. Joan suggested having sketches of a proposal to present at the upcoming October forums. Although time is short, such sketches could be discussed at the next Subcommittee meeting on October 20.
5. Gene announced that he could not attend the Subcommittee's meeting with Law. Clark will facilitate the discussion.