

General Education Subcommittee

Minutes 9 July 2009

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

Agenda

1. Meeting with MariLee Mifsud and Kevin Kuswa from Rhetoric and Communication Studies about an oral competency component in general education.
 - Defining oral communication within Communication Studies
 - Oral communication across the curriculum
 - Implementation of an oral communications component to general education
 - Co-curricular possibilities.
2. Rhetoric and Communication welcomes a possible oral competency component in general education. The department already offers six classes that would serve in such a capacity and is working hard to promote oral communication across the curriculum. Debate, Mock Trial and possibly Model UN programs would also help satisfy oral competency. The implementation of such a component should involve members of Rhetoric and Communication, at least in an advisory capacity.

Discussion

3. Discussion of the COM 2 Requirement of requirement of 1-2 units rather than 1-4.
4. Discussion of General Education models. Problems with the Duke model.
5. Concern about labeling: e. g., "Field of Study" "Critical Competencies," etc.
6. Suggestion of creating an interdisciplinary introductory communication course.
7. Continued discussion of existing FOS requirements with respect to FSHT, FSLT and FSSR.
8. Discussion of an ethics component.