

General Education Subcommittee

Minutes 20 October 2009

THC 310, 3:00 PM

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

1. Tracy Cassalia requested the Subcommittee's endorsement of a revised Wellness Proposal. Gene will notify Tracy that, since Wellness is a graduation requirement rather than a general education requirement, the Subcommittee cannot take an official position on the Wellness Proposal. The Subcommittee, however, does not oppose it.

2. The Subcommittee discussed the model below based on a proposal suggested by Joan based upon input from faculty, staff, and students during open forums and constituency group meetings in September and early October (a Leadership/Community Engagement Competency was inadvertently omitted from the model). Questions were raised about altering or eliminating the Critical Thinking/Problem Solving and Technological/Information Literacy Competencies. The addition of a Research Competency was also suggested.

A Model of General Education at UR

Areas of Study (2 units each)	Competencies						
	writing	oral communication	second language	critical thinking/ problem solving	technological /information literacy	diversity/ global awareness	ethical decision-making
Humanities and Fine Arts							
Natural Science and Mathematics							
Social and Behavioral Science							
Minimum Units	1	1	0-4	1	1	1	1

Notes

- a. AOS courses must be selected from two different departments.
- b. Students must pass the intermediate level of second language.
- c. Second language courses at the intermediate level and below may not satisfy the Diversity

AOS.

3. After discussion about retaining, changing or dropping FOS as part of revised model for general education, it was decided to present three different models at upcoming open hearings: (1) a model of unchanged General Education requirements; (2) a hybrid model incorporating FOS and various competencies; and (3) a hybrid model incorporating AOS and various competencies. Gene will circulate the second model among members of the Subcommittee for suggestions and revisions and Joan the third.
4. Since the models will not be ready for presentation at the A&S Faculty Meeting on October 26, Gene will ask Andy Newcomb to postpone the presentation until the meeting on November 18.
5. The next Subcommittee meeting is at 3:00 PM on Tuesday, November 3.