

College of Education Listening Meeting

February 11, 2008

Faculty in attendance: Steve Harbstreit, Jim Teagarden, Paul Burden, Mike Perl, Ken Hughey, Jan Wissman, Steve Benton, Jackie Spears, Larry Scharmann, Mavis Schmidt, Di Murphy, Linda Rawdon, Perry McCall, Cecilia Hernandez, Amanda Morales, Gail Shroyer and David Griffin

Task force reps: Judy Hughey, Vicki Clegg, Karen Myers-Bowman, Kerri Keller, Greg Eislein

Notes prepared by: Kerri Keller

Judy presented a brief introduction and overview of the current proposal.

Comment: A course can be tagged twice but student has to choose between the two. I think students should be able to choose two.

Question: Why can't a one-hour course be used to meet the content requirement?

Q: Where did 24 hours come from? Very strong preference for proposing 4/8 rather than 6/8 outside one's major.

C: Would like to run this for student in my major. I don't know if this will work (S. Harbstreit)

C: Timeline is more than just a little ambitious. This will raise more concerns. Caution the task force with rushing ahead.

Q: Curious about the terms UGE vs General Education. What will this be called? Needs a clear identity. Many remember how unhappy faculty were with previous UGE approach. Let's do a media blitz to promote this. Could never convince admissions to promote this previously (reference to Wichita State PR campaign). K-State should take pride in this.

C: Many concerns about transfer students. Elem ed program is trying to develop clear transfer program and it is very difficult. Community colleges are extremely frustrated with us. Particularly concerned about how changes may affect underrepresented students who are already encountering numerous barriers. Elem ed program fits beautifully with these content areas but concerned about students possibly faced with taking more hours.

C: Judy pointed out the communication and critical thinking are considered integral to all general education courses. There were no further comments.

Q: Is it true then that currently approved UGE courses will not be considered as such in this proposal?

C: Emily approached this faculty person about trying to develop his class as an FYE class. He expressed a concern about students in their own department being able to take their own classes since FYE is being encouraged as small class size and open to variety of majors.

Q: Based on input gathered, will the current proposal be tweaked?

Submitted by Kerri Day Keller