

UGE Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2002

8:00 a.m.

Pat Pesci, Greg Davis, Mick Charney, Peter Mudrack, Reginald Pittman, John Dalida, Jim Goddard, Linda Alexander, Betsy Cauble, Susanne Siepl-Coates, Bronwyn Fees, and Carrie Addair were present.

MEETING MINUTES

The minutes from the February 21, 2002 meeting were approved with the addition of noting that the Council received a new proposal from the psychology department.

SECOND READINGS

ENGL 440: Themes in Literature, was approved on its second reading.

ENGL 445: Literary Kinds, was approved on its second reading.

ENGL 470: The Bible, was approved on its second reading.

NEW PROPOSAL

The Council received a proposal in February for PSYCH 115: General Psychology (Honors) which was reviewed by sub-committee one. Two concerns about the course arose. The first was that the course was limited to 30 students. The second was that there are various instructors for the course and the Council questioned whether or not each new instructor would teach the course with the principles of general education in mind.

The Council voted to move the proposal for a second reading at the next meeting. The person who submitted the proposal will be contacted regarding the change in instructors.

ASSESSED COURSES FROM FALL 2002

MATH 160: Contemporary Mathematics. John Dalida and Marjorie Hancock met with the faculty responsible for this course. It was suggested to the math department to make all professors aware that the course is UGE, to provide guidelines and examples of general education to the faculty, and remind them about active learning.

John Dalida will type a letter of understanding which the math department could sign as to how the course will be improved. A draft will be provided at the next meeting. Math 160 will be re-assessed in the Fall 2002 semester.

PSYCH 202: Drugs and Behavior. Betsy Cauble met with the faculty responsible for this course. The instructor did not believe that the course used active learning. However, after discussion amongst the Council members, it was determined that there is possibly active learning during the lectures, but not in the traditional sense. Betsy Cauble is planning to attend a lecture and report back to the council about the course.

ECON 110: Principles of Macroeconomics and ACCTG 231: Accounting for Business Operations will be addressed at a later meeting.

REQUEST FOR UGE STATUS REMOVAL

The college of Human Ecology is requesting that two of its courses have the UGE designation removed, FSHS 350: Family relationships and gender roles, and FSHS 670: Working with parents.

The next meeting is set for April 4, 2002, in Union room 205.