Bergen Community College
Committee on General Education
Meeting of October 25, 2011
Minutes

Members present: Louis Crescitelli, Andrew Baddish, Adam Goodell, Marybeth Klein, Mark Wiener, Ilan Ehrlick, Gary Correa, Dorothy Giglietta, Andy Krikun, Michael Redmond, Joshua Guttman, Ash Melika, Harriet Tederodemos, Denise Budd, Margaret McLaughlin, Beth Pincus,

Guests: Alan Kaufman (LIT)

1. The minutes of the 9-27-2011 meeting were approved as written.

2. Chairperson’s report: Judi Davis reported:
   a. On Oct 11, 2011-- two courses approved at our last meeting, COM 102 Public Speaking and EDU 110 Foundations of Multicultural Education, were approved by the Senate.
   b. On October 11, 2011--BCC sent four courses to the State for its approval: (1) COM 102 Public Speaking, (2) EDU 110 Foundations of Multicultural Education, (3) HIS 132 History of the Spanish Speaking Caribbean & Central America since 1898, and (4) LIT 230 Psychological Ideas in Literature. We can expect to hear back from the State regarding these courses in mid-December. Once these courses are approved, they can be included on the BCC General Education list. The next deadline for submissions to the State is Feb 3.
   c. On Oct 13, 2011—Met with Dr. Carol Miele and Prof. Patricia Denholm on work done by Information Literacy Committee over the summer and issues regarding the State requirement on Technology. We are waiting to hear from the NJAAO about whether or not Information Literacy and Technological Competency, previously blended into a single category, might be considered as separate areas in the statewide Foundation Policy.
   d. On Oct 20, 2011--Subcommittee met to discuss ways to clarify and streamline the Gen Ed submission process. Committee is reviewing existing local and state documents containing Gen Ed processes and Criteria for course approval. Members of this committee are Margaret McLaughlin, Barbara Walcott, Andrew Krikun, Michael Redmond and Judi Davis. The committee will meet again on Nov 17.

3. Old Business
   a. LIT 226 Introduction to the Novel, resubmitted to the committee and approved unanimously by a vote of 17-0-0.

4. George Cronk reported that as he is reviewing the program curricula that some programs might benefit from having a General Education course that is one or two credits, instead of the traditional three credit course.

5. The meeting adjourned at 1:10 PM