Bergen Community College
Committee on General Education
Meeting of January 24, 2012
Minutes

Members present: Christopher Mayer, Louis Crescitelli, Lucy Caruso Deane, Andrew Baddish, Adam Goodell, Ilan Ehrlick, Gary Correa, Dorothy Giglietta, Andy Krikun, Michael Redmond, Joshua Guttman, Ash Melika, Harriett Terodemos, Denise Budd, Danielle Coppola, Margaret McLaughlin, Beth Pincus, Barbara Walcott, Judi Davis

Guests: No guests were in attendance

1. The minutes of the 11-22-2011 meeting were approved as written 17-0-1

2. Chairperson’s report: Judi Davis reported:
   
   BCC Senate
   Senate approved both LIT 227 Introduction to Poetry and INF 101 Introduction to Information Technology as Gen Ed courses, pending State approval.

   State
   • We will send three courses to the state by the Feb 3 deadline: LIT 226, LIT 227, and INF 101.
   • COM 102 Public Speaking was approved by the state in December. List seems pretty stable—only 6 courses approved in the state for all 19 CC’s.

   Middle States
   • I was summoned to a strategy meeting about the Middle States Accreditation issue, called by Dr. Adames on November 29, 2011 in my capacity as Chair of General Education Committee.
     • While we are not “on warning” about General Education, there is an “interrelationship of Standards 7, 11, 12 and 13” as they connect with assessment of student learning (Standard 14). In the report from the readers of the Periodic Review Report (PRR), it was “recommended” that “general education proficiencies be imbedded in all credit programs and that they be assessed regularly to ensure the improvement of student learning.” (From Standard 12).
   • Related to Middle States, I attended two forums on Dec 6 when MSCHE liaison, Dr. Ellie Fogarty visited BCC to explain the nature of the warning.
   • I met with Dr. Joanne Marzocco on Jan 4, 2012 to discuss her take on the need for action regarding General Education and Assessment.
o Marzocco suggested that the committee work on clarifying Gen Ed Program goals and aligning them with State Goals and BCC core competencies. To that end, I created the goals comparison chart in your packet.

• On Jan 10, Dr. Marzocco and I met with AVP Bonnie MacDougall and Senate Chair, Alan Kaufman to discuss procedures for making this alignment, since Core Competencies are more inclusive than General Education goals, but our local goals might be out-of-date because of changes in expectations of the State and its Gen Ed goals, especially as it pertains to Health and Wellness.

• The college is sending Josh Guttman and me to a conference in February sponsored by the American Association of Colleges and Universities about General Education and Assessment.

• The role of this committee remains to be determined. But as we revise documents, etc. assessment will be an issue that we must consider. I also think that we need to clarify the role that this committee will play in terms of Assessment and General Education.

3. New Business
The committee discussed the goal comparison chart, with an eye at aligning BCC Gen Ed goals with NJCC Goals and Core Competencies.

4. The meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Judi Davis, Chairperson