12:30 to 1:25 pm in room C-314

Members present: Christopher Mayer, Lou Crescitelli, Dorothy Gleckner, Andrew Baddish, Tom Jewell (Chair), Andrew Tomko, Judith Davis, Ilan Ehrlich, Gary Correa, Andrew Krikun, Paul Eckstein, Joshua Guttman, Amy Ceconi, Danielle Coppola, Amy Ceconi, Beth Pincus, Barbara Walcott, Harriet Toredemos, Dorothy Giglietta

Guests: George Cronk

1. The September 29, 2009 minutes were reviewed and approved.
2. A discussion of our transfer policy revolved around three basic options:
   a. Option 1: The current transfer policy.
   b. Option 2: A more restrictive transfer policy, leaving out the option of the committee overruling the requirements of three out of four top target schools or four out of the top seven.
   c. Option 3: Proposed by Prof. Eckman of the Philosophy Department:
      • “While there is a strong presumption that a course proposed for general education certification at Bergen Community College should be transferable—as a general education course—to a significant number of the four-year colleges/universities to which most Bergen Community College students currently transfer, the primary criteria used to determine that a course should have general education status at Bergen Community College are contained in the POLICY section of this document, sections 1-5. Where the NJTS is not sufficient to establish such transferability, every effort will be made to achieve such transferability through bilateral agreements with appropriate four-year institutions. However, when this is not possible, the Committee will adhere to established policy guidelines 1-5 in order to fulfill its primary responsibility to ensure the quality of the Bergen Community College General Education program for all Bergen Community College students.”
   d. After a discussion of the three options, a straw poll was taken of the members present for the purpose of taking feedback to the subcommittee reviewing the guidelines and process for reviewing courses for Gen Ed approval. The straw poll was heavily in favor of the status quo.
e. Course review: COM 114 was unanimously approved as a General Education course fulfilling the Diversity requirement.

3. The meeting was adjourned at 1:25 pm.