General Education Committee

Meeting of November 16, 2010

Minutes

The meeting was held in C-313 from 12:30 to 1:20

Members present: Louis Crescitelli, Andrew Tomko, Marybeth Klein, Hanna Misir, Judi Davis, Ilan Ehrlich, Gary Correa, Dorothy Giglietta, Andrew Krikun, George Cronk, Joshua Guttman, Ash Melika, Denise Budd, Danielle Coppola, Bridget Connolly, Margaret McLaughlin, Laura Corallo, Barbara Walcott

1. Andrew Tomko was the guest chair for this meeting; he noted with relief that there was a quorum present.

2. The October Minutes were approved, with the understanding that several members’ names were incorrectly spelled and would be corrected.

3. Marybeth Klein gave a report on the status of the Information Literacy and Technological Competency group. She noted that there are actually two committees and that she is on the Technological Competency sub-group. This group has met once and has begun by looking at high schools and the level of technological instruction that is occurring in them. A question raised by the committee already is whether the College should institute an entry level test for students to assess their level of competency. Marybeth also noted that Rutgers has been asking students to demonstrate that they have taken a separate course in Technological Literacy, but that discussions with Rutgers were ongoing about exactly how they wish students to demonstrate their proficiency. Marybeth asked that anyone with input on this topic contact her via email.

4. Roger Opsbaum spoke for the Meteorology course that was before the committee for approval. Several committee members noted that the writing requirements could be made clearer. Discussion continued on the student learning objectives and whether the wording was in accordance with Bloom’s taxonomy. A number of changes were suggested. A motion was made to approve the course with the understanding that changes to the Student Learning Objectives be made. This motion passed, 14 in favor, 2 opposed, and 1 abstaining. Roger will send the changes in the course outline to Tom Jewell.

5. Bridget Connolly spoke for the World Languages and Cultures course up for review. She then asked that Magali Jerez be allowed to address the committee. Magali gave background about the growth in the department and the procedure they have been following to gauge student interest before introducing new levels of language courses. She also noted that these courses have been approved by Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate. A motion was made to vote on Hebrew 1 and 2, Intermediate Arabic 1 and 2, and Intermediate Korean 1 (LAN 180, 280, 256, 257, and 266) as a package. This motion passed and the courses were then approved as a package by a vote of 16 in favor, 0 opposed, 0 abstaining.

6. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20.