

University General Education Committee
Meeting of October 15, 2004

Present: Carl Brun (CoLA), Susan Carrafiello (Honors), Candace Cherrington (CoNH), Mindy Diesslin (CoSM), Jeanne Fraker (UVC), Brian Happy (SG), Lillie Howard (Provost), Evan Osborne (RSCoB), Henry Limouze (CoLA, Chair)

1. Minutes from October 1 were approved.
2. The committee reviewed the General Education Student Learning Outcomes Evaluation Form, which has not been revised recently and does not reflect the new learning objectives of each GE area. The committee agreed that certain questions on the form should be kept for all GE courses, including the following:
 1. Enhanced my ability to think critically
 3. Enabled me to organize and communicate ideas better
 9. Stimulated my desire for continued learning
 10. Contributed to my general education

The committee agreed that two questions applying to writing-intensive courses should remain on the form:

11. Contained writing assignments that helped me learn the material
12. Contained writing assignments that helped improve my writing skills

And the committee agreed that some combination of two other questions might be appropriate:

6. Increased my knowledge of the world in which we live
8. Connected what I learned to the world around me

However, the other questions seem to apply either to the program as a whole or to specific classes within the program. While they might be valuable on a post-graduate survey, they seemed less appropriate on a form intended for distribution in most or all GE classes.

Instead, the committee agreed to develop five questions reflecting the GE Learning Objectives for each area. Assignments are as follows:

- Area One—Writing: Henry Limouze
- Area One—Mathematics: Mindy Diesslin
- Area Two—Susan Carrafiello
- Area Three—Evan Osborne
- Area Four—Henry Limouze
- Area Five—Daniel Ketcha
- Area Six—Carl Brun (who may consult with Candace Cherrington, David Reynolds, and Will Mosier)

The committee will consider these questions at the next meeting. The committee will also review results from the GE Student Learning Outcomes Evaluation at that time.

3. Vice President Howard updated the committee on the OBR transfer module. Several courses and syllabuses will be resubmitted later this month. The GE website will be updated to reflect current courses and current practice.

4. The committee discussed possible ways of studying and encouraging the networking and development of GE faculty. Brian Happy will distribute a survey to instructors teaching linked sections of UVC 100, asking them about any linking initiatives they are aware of. Evan Osborne will prepare a possible Area Three faculty workshop. Participants will be encouraged to discuss the views of “human behavior” taken in the different Area Three classes. This workshop could serve as a starting point for development of an Area Three assessment plan.

5. The November 5 meeting had to be cancelled, and November 12 turns out to be an unworkable time for many committee members. So the next meeting of UGEC will be its last scheduled meeting of the quarter, Friday, November 19 at 11:00 a.m. in 158 University Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 12:05 p.m.