

Minutes of the University General Education Committee
April 27, 2006

Mary Kenton called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm in 238 Millett Hall. Attending were Joe Law, Jeanne Fraker, Carole Endres, Candy Cherrington, Rich Bullock, Mindy Diesslin, Dan Ketcha, and Lillie Howard. Chair Susan Carrafiello was absent because of illness. The minutes of the February 22 meeting were approved with a correction to the spelling of Carole Endres' name.

First the members considered the Area II: Cultural and Social Foundations report. There were several questions and concerns.

Which performance criteria are each of the marker questions measuring?

HST 101/CLS 150—The questions all seem to be about the master narrative

HST 102/102—Questions seem better balanced among performance criteria 1, 2,

And 5

Which questions specifically are intended to be the essay questions?

In the nonwestern component of Area II, there is a need for a clearer sense of how content will be assessed in the writing portfolios.

If drafts are to be collected along with the final papers, what use will be made of them?

The Area VI report contains information only about College of Liberal Arts courses. Who is responsible for collecting data from the other colleges—Sharon Nelson, perhaps? The UGEC members would like to have the marker questions identified and have them related to the performance criteria.

Revised plans need to be submitted by Friday, May 5. Each plan needs to contain:

1. An introduction
2. Definitions
3. Data, if available
4. Interpretation and conclusions

The members set two additional meetings. The first is on May 9, at 2:00 pm in 238 Millett Hall for the purpose of reviewing and revising (if necessary) the final reports. Revisions should be submitted electronically. The second meeting will be with the NCA site visitors on May 16 at 2:00, location to be announced. Please notify the chair if you will be attending the May 16 meeting.

Joe Law reported that GE Coordinator Search Committee will review 16 applications early next week. The pool contains four or five really good candidates. There are also several internal candidates. Joe Law added that MP 131 had been submitted for the transfer module. He expects to have a decision within the next few days.

Lillie Howard indicated that the committee might begin the discussion of “Student Success Plans” at the next meeting. These plans concern gathering evidence that students have acquired competencies in core areas such as GE and the major. She advised the

members to consult the Bowling Green web site. BGSU is the first institution in the state to complete the planning and get it online. Vice President Howard also noted that North Central will now offer workshops on assessment. She is thinking that Wright State should perhaps apply to participate. We seem to need to help with this process. The meeting adjourned at 4:00 pm.