

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for 2007-08 Meeting #4 – March 6, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 6, 2008, in Conference Room A in the Library. Chairperson Hicks presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Brown, Costello, English, Hicks, Jouaneh, Kislalioglu, Larsen, Malik, Meagher Smith and von Reinhart; Dean Richmond; Vice Provost Pasquerella.

Guests: Professors Derbyshire and Roth from the Department of Communication Studies.

2. The Minutes of 2007-08 Meeting #3, February 7, 2007 were approved with the correction of the consistent spelling of the name of Professor Larsen.

It was agreed to change the order of Business and move to Unfinished Business before considering subcommittee reports.

4. Unfinished Business (College of Arts and Sciences December 21 Memorandum)

- a. Following discussion, the proposal to add COM 110 to the English Communication (EC) Core Area was approved as follows:

COM 110 Communication Fundamentals (*examining human differences, speaking effectively, using qualitative data*) Diversity

- b. Following discussion, consideration of the proposals to add FRN 391, 392 and 393 to the Fine Arts and Literature (A) Core Area was approved as follows:

FRN 391 Literature to 1789 in Translation (*examining human differences, reading complex texts, speaking effectively, writing effectively*) Diversity

FRN 392 Nineteenth-Century Literature in Translation (*examining human differences, reading complex texts, speaking effectively, writing effectively*) Diversity

FRN 393 Twentieth-Century Literature in Translation (*examining human differences, reading complex texts, speaking effectively, writing effectively*) Diversity

The proposal to add FRN 391, 392 and 393 to the Letters (L) Core Area was approved as listed above for the Fine Arts and Literature Core Area.

Following discussion, the proposal to add FRN 391, 392 and 393 to the Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence (FC) Core Area was approved as listed above for the Fine Arts and Literature Core Area.

The Committee returned to its regular order of business.

3. Reports

A. Subcommittee on Assessment of General Education (SAGE)

Chairperson Hicks reported that she had followed-up on the status of the subcommittee after the last committee meeting. She noted that the committee still lacked a chairperson. It was suggested that someone from the Learning Outcomes Oversight Committee (LOOC) might be willing to chair the subcommittee and Chairperson Hicks agreed to pursue the matter further.

Chairperson Hicks also noted that Ms. Grossman-Garber, Director of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment and Accreditation, had indicated that she had data from last spring's request in an SPSS file.

It was also mentioned that Ms. Grossman-Garber was trying to schedule a meeting of the SAGE this spring.

B. Subcommittee on URI 101 (SURE):

After a brief introduction from Professor Brown and Professor Larsen about the process employed by the subcommittee, members of the UCGE Committee discussed the report and its findings. Dean Richmond said that some of the information provided in the report had been inaccurate and that much of what was being recommended was already possible. She asked that misinformation be clarified before the subcommittee report went to the Faculty Senate.

Discussion ensued as to the appropriate follow-up on the SURE Report and it was agreed to discuss any possible recommendations at the UCGE Committee's April meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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