

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND
FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for 2007-08 Meeting #5 - April 3, 2008

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

The following members were present: Professors Brown, Costello, Creed, English, Hicks, Kislalioglu, and von Reinhart; Ms. Rohland; Dean Richmond; Vice Provost Pasquerella.

2. The Minutes of 2007-08 Meeting #4, March 6, 2008 were approved.
3. Chairperson Hicks reported that the subcommittee still lacked a chairperson. She noted that Ms. Grossman-Garber, Director of Student Learning, Outcomes Assessment and Accreditation, had tried to date unsuccessfully to get the subcommittee together.

Chairperson Hicks said that the charge to the Subcommittee was of major importance to the University and could not be allowed to remain in limbo much longer.

4. New Proposals

- A. The committee discussed the proposal from the College Writing Program to add an alternative integrated skill to WRT 303.

Following discussion, Ms. Grubman was asked to contact Professor Reynolds and ask for further information about the use of informational technology skill. It was also suggested that the Writing Program consider the examining human differences skill instead.

[Subsequent to the meeting, Professor Reynolds provided additional information on the use of informational technology skill and the proposal was approved by e-mail.]

- B. The proposals to add the following courses to the Natural Sciences (N) Core Area were considered:
 - 1) Following discussion consideration of the proposal for BPS 201 was postponed pending receipt of detailed information on integrating the skills.
 - 2) Following discussion, GEO 113 was approved for the Natural Sciences core as follows:

GEO 113 Natural Disasters (*reading complex texts, using quantitative data, using qualitative data*)

- C. The proposals to add the Fall 2008 Honors Colloquium: "Global Change" to core areas were considered.

Following discussion they were approved as follows:

1. HPR 201L Honors Colloquium for fall 2008 - "Global Change" (*reading complex texts**, *speaking effectively*, *writing effectively*, *using quantitative data*, *using qualitative data*, *using information technology*)
2. HPR 201N Honors Colloquium for fall 2008 - "Global Change" (*reading complex texts**, *speaking effectively*, *writing effectively*, *using quantitative data*, *using qualitative data*, *using information technology*)
3. HPR 201 Honors Colloquium for fall 2008 - "Global Change" (*reading complex text*s*, *speaking effectively*, *writing effectively*, *using quantitative data*, *using qualitative data*, *using information technology*)

5. Unfinished Business

The Committee discussed the draft summary Report on URI 101, which had been prepared by Chairperson Hicks.

Following discussion, it was agreed that members of the committee would forward comments and suggestions about the draft report to Chairperson Hicks, who would revise the draft for consideration on May 1.

6. New Business

The Committee discussed the request from Publications whether the Fine Arts and Literature Core area list on page 24 of the current catalog be divided into "Fine Arts courses" and "Literature courses."

Following discussion, Ms. Grubman was asked to inform the Publications Office that it would not be appropriate to do so and to suggest other alternatives.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Sheila Black Grubman

*Subsequent to the meeting, additional information about “reading complex texts” was shared with the committee and was approved as an integrated skill by e-mail.