

UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
FACULTY SENATE

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes for 2007-08 Meeting #3 - February 7, 2008

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, February 7, 2008, in Conference Room A in the Library. Chairperson Hicks presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Costello, Creed, English, Godfrey, Hicks, Jouaneh, Kislalioglu, Larsen, Malik, Meagher Smith and von Reinhart; Dean Richmond; Ms. Rohland. Ms. Grubman served as the Provost's designee.

Guests: Professor Honhart and Mr. Pelosi.

Dean Richmond introduced Mr. Jason Pelosi, the new University College academic advisor for Arts and Sciences transfer students.

2. The Minutes of 2007-08 Meeting #2, December 6, 2007 were approved.
3. Reports

- A. Subcommittee on Assessment of General Education (SAGE)

Chairperson Hicks announced that Professor Peters had resigned as chair of the subcommittee. It was noted that the work of the subcommittee had been stalled slightly and that a new chairperson should be appointed to get the subcommittee moving again. Chairperson Hicks said that she would speak to professor Peters and Professor Stevenson about the appointment of a new chair.

- B. Subcommittee on Assessment of General Education (SURE):

Professor Honhart reported that his subcommittee's report on URI 101 had just been completed prior to the meeting. He declined to comment on the report and suggested that the UCGE Committee discuss the document at their next meeting. Professor Honhart expressed his appreciation to the members of his subcommittee, including Professor Larson and Professor Godfrey who had each written sections of the report.

3. New Proposals - College of Arts and Sciences (December 21 Memorandum)
  - a. Following discussion, consideration of the proposal to add COM 110 to the English Communication (EC) Core Area was postponed pending receipt of a syllabus and additional information on the laboratory for the course.
  - b. Following discussion, consideration of the proposals to add FRN 391, 392 and 393 to the Fine Arts and Literature (A) Core Area, the Letters (L) Core area, and the Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence (FC) Core Area was postponed pending receipt of additional information on the proposed

skills as well as a rationale for the courses appropriateness for the Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence core area

4. Following discussion, the requests from the Honors Program were approved as follows:

a. The addition of the following suffixes to HPR 201, 202 Honors Colloquium to identify general education credit:

- HPR 201A or 202A for general education credit in Fine Arts and Literature (A)
- HPR 201F or 202F for general education credit in Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence (FC);
- HPR 201L or 202L for general education credit in Letters (L);
- HPR 201M or 202M for general education credit in Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (MQ);
- HPR 201N or 202N for general education credit in Natural Sciences (N);
- HPR 201S or 202S for general education credit in Social Sciences (S).

b. The transfer of general education (fine arts/literature) credit for HPR 105 Honors Study in Fine Arts and Literature to HPR 124 Honors Course in Fine Arts and HPR 125 Honors Course in Literature as follows:

(At least three of the following: *examining human differences, reading complex texts, speaking effectively, writing effectively, using artistic activity*)

c. The assignment of HPR 107 Honors Study in Letters to the Letters (L) core area as follows:

(At least three of the following: *reading complex texts, speaking effectively, writing effectively and examining human differences*).

The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

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