

**UNIVERSITY COLLEGE & GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
Minutes for 2009-2010 Meeting #1 – September 3, 2009**

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, September 3, 2009, in Conference Room A in the Library. Chairperson Hicks presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Creed, English, Hicks, Larsen, Leveillee Maier-Speredelozzi, Roth and Stevenson; Dean Richmond; Vice Provost Beauvais.

Guest: Dr. Hubbard from the College of Continuing Education.

2. The Minutes of Meeting #5, May 7, 2009, were approved
3. Reports/Announcements
  - a. Chairperson Hicks announced that the UCGE Committee was now on SAKAI and all of the materials related to the Agenda could be found in Modules. She said that she hoped the UCGE Committee would use the Forum Feature to discuss agenda items between meetings. She said that both she and Ms. Grubman would maintain the site.
  - b. Chairperson Hicks reviewed the background for the current general education programs, efforts to assess the program and ongoing discussions about the program initiated by the Provost and as part of the academic summit.

She explained that the UCGE Committee had scheduled its first meeting before classes begin this fall to accommodate proposals for general education that had been developed as part of the Provost's Strategic Partnership initiative. She said that only one course on that afternoon's agenda had been part of the Provost's initiative. She said that hopefully, proposals would begin to come forward as soon as the semester begins.
  - c. Members of the UCGE Committee reported on the colleges and universities they had been asked to learn about and share with the committee. (See Module on SAKAI: Comparing General Education Programs.)

Following discussion, Professor Larsen said that he was concerned that the UCGE committee might not retain its quorum for consideration of new business.

With agreement from the members of Committee, they moved to the next item of business.

#### 4. New Proposals

- a. Following discussion, MTH 106 was approved for the MQ Mathematical and Quantitative Reasoning (MQ) core area conditionally pending receipt of adequate materials explaining assignments that used information technology.<sup>1</sup>
- b. After discussion, FRN 320 was approved for the Fine Arts category as well as for the Literature category within the Fine Arts and Literature (A) core area.
- c. Following discussion LET 151 topic: Franco-American Relations was for the Fine Arts and Literature (A) core area, the Letters (L) core area and the Foreign Language/Cross-cultural Competence (FC) core area with the following skills: (*examining human differences, reading complex texts, writing effectively*) Diversity<sup>2</sup>

#### 5. Unfinished Business

Professor Maier-Sperdelozzi requested that the UCGE Committee consider the College of Engineering's General Education proposal at their next meeting.

Chairperson Hicks said that the proposal would go up on the SAKAI site. She asked that members of the committee review the proposal and use the forum option on SAKAI to discuss the proposal.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

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<sup>1</sup> Subsequent to the meeting, the course was approved for the MQ area as follows: MTH 106 Mathematics of Social Choice and Finance (*using quantitative data, reading complex texts, using information technology*)

<sup>2</sup> At the request of the committee Professor Durand provided examples of the feedback he provides to students writing to the course's forums.