

FACULTY AFFAIRS AGENDA ITEM

Date: 11 September 2012

Submitted by: Dr. Randy Pembroke, VPAA, ext. 2546

SUBJECT: *Change in the Faculty Handbook—General Education Committee*

Description:

With the approval of the new student learning outcomes, the function and composition of the general education committee needs to be modified as well in the Faculty Handbook (Section One VII.B.6)

| Current Wording: | Proposed Wording: | Faculty Affairs Committee Approved Wording: |
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| The function of the General Education Committee is to assist faculty members to develop or modify courses that facilitate the acquisition of skills listed in the General Education Statement, and to approve courses for general education based on the criteria established by the General Faculty. | The function of the General Education Committee is to assist faculty members to develop or modify courses that facilitate the acquisition of the student learning outcomes (SLOs) listed in the General Education Statement, and to approve courses for general education based on the criteria established by the General Faculty. | The function of the General Education Committee is to assist faculty members to develop or modify courses that facilitate the acquisition of the student learning outcomes (SLOs) listed in the General Education Statement, and to approve courses for general education based on the criteria established by the General Faculty. |
| If a course is disapproved by the Committee, the rationale for such action will be written with reference to the adopted standards and communicated to the VPAA and the sponsor. | If a course is disapproved by the Committee, the rationale for such action will be written with reference to the adopted standards and communicated to the VPAA and the sponsor. | If a course is disapproved by the Committee, the rationale for such action will be written with reference to the adopted standards and communicated to the VPAA and the sponsor. |
| Once a course is approved by the Committee, it will be the responsibility of the sponsoring department to review its implementation and assess its effectiveness at least every five years. The results of the review and assessment will be forwarded to the VPAA. Any change in the course's targeted skills or in its general content or format must be submitted to the General Education Committee for approval. | Once a course is approved by the Committee, it will be the responsibility of the sponsoring department to review its implementation and report assessment results to the Assessment Committee every year and to undergo a review by the General Education Committee at least every five years. The results of the review and assessment will be forwarded to the VPAA. Any change in the course's targeted SLO or in its general content or format must be submitted to the General Education Committee for approval. | Once a course is approved by the Committee, it will be the responsibility of the sponsoring department to review its implementation and report assessment results to the Assessment Committee every year and to undergo a review by the General Education Committee at least every five years. The results of the review and assessment will be forwarded to the VPAA. Any change in the course's targeted SLO or in its general content or format must be submitted to the General Education Committee for approval. |
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Approved – 10-5-12

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Financial Implications: *None*

Proposed Effective Date: Fall 2012

Request for Action: *Approval by FAC/FS/ Gen Fac/BOR*

Approved by: *AAC on date*

FAC on 10-5-12

Faculty Senate on date

Attachments Yes No