

Preliminary Brief Annual Report: 2011-2012 General Education Committee

Submitted to:

Gary Totten, Presiding Officer, University Senate

Submitted by

Larry Peterson, Chair

1. 2011-2012 General Education Committee Members:

Thomas Barnhart (HDE), Xiwen Cai (AFSNR), Darshi De Saram (AE), Thomas Dowdell, Jr. (BUS), Robert Harrold (Assessment), RaNelle Ingalls (Registration and Records), Linda Langley (SM), Derek Miller (students), Charlene Myhre (Library), Larry Peterson (Provost), Jonathan Roswick (students), Gary Totten (AHSS), Mary Wright (PNAS).

2. Meetings:

The Committee met nine times during 2011-12: September 13, October 11, November 8, December 6, January 30, February 13, March 26, April 16, and May 7.

3. Policy and Procedure Changes:

The Committee agreed to change General Education Administrative Policy 11 ("Students may receive placement credit for ENGL 110 based on composite ACT score and satisfactory performance in ENGL 120 or equivalent") because of State Board Policy 402.1.2 which requires that as of Fall 2012 placement in ENGL 110 will be based on the ACT English subtest scores.

The Committee drafted revisions for the Student Appeal form to note that we expect students to tell us how the course they want to substitute meets the definitions of the appropriate category and to suggest that students include a syllabus.

4. Program Issues:

The Committee endorsed all of the Essential Learning Outcomes from the American Association of Colleges and Universities as a possible framework for General Education in North Dakota.

5. Student Petitions:

The Committee received forty-two petitions from students for substitutions, waivers or exemptions. It granted twenty-seven and denied fifteen. The Office of Registration and Records granted administrative approval to thirty-one additional appeals.

6. Course Reviews:

The Committee began the fall semester with four courses still in the process of being reviewed from previous years. The Committee received three submissions for new courses. The Committee completed action on three new courses and two existing courses in 2011-2012. One course proposed in 2010-11 was withdrawn from consideration by the instructor. The Committee ended the year with one course still in the process of being reviewed, because it had been returned to the department for additional information.