



**COMMISSION ON THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

**MINUTES  
January 20, 2005**

Present: David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre, Dick Dietz, Jeff Farmer, Cynthia Galovich, Greg Heald, Jim Keaten, Matt Lang, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody

Absent: Marcus Embry, Dianna Gray, Vinnie Scalia

Cynthia Galovich called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

It was decided to table the approval of the minutes of the January 13 meeting until the next meeting, February 3.

2. Announcements

Cynthia handed out the page from the Performance Contract regarding General Education. This was from the version of the Performance Contract distributed to members of the Faculty Senate on January 19.

Cynthia also let the commission members know that there is another AAC&U conference regarding General Education in Atlanta in February. She asked if anyone had an interest in going, with priority going to the members who will not be attending the conference in San Francisco. Dick Dietz and Jeff Farmer said they would like to attend.

3. Discussion

Tom Trelogan discussed the memo he would be sending out to chairs and directors in all colleges regarding the State Guaranteed Core Transfer submissions. The memo will be sent out by Friday, January 21. The GEC has set a deadline of February 4 for submissions to GEC, which will forward them to Vinnie by February 15. Academic Affairs will then submit them to the CCHE by March 1<sup>st</sup>.

There was discussion regarding what the commission would like the 3-5 hours not in the core to consist of. Suggestions discussed included:

- 1) A Freshman Experience course
- 2) A Capstone course
- 3) A smorgasbord of courses that are in the current General Education program that won't be accepted into the core

There was also discussion of ways to implement a real Best University Experience. Among the possibilities discussed were these:

- 1) Using Learning Communities including Clusters
- 2) Requiring interdisciplinary, international, and multicultural courses

One of the short term goals for general education has to be retention of freshman students in their first two semesters.

Cynthia suggested that for the next meeting we invite people involved in the Learning Communities to come share their ideas regarding how the new General Education program might work in regards to the Learning Communities.

At the February 3 meeting the task force members who went to San Francisco will give a report on the AAC&U conference.

4. Other

Since eight members will be at the conference in San Francisco on Thursday, January 27, the next meeting will be on Thursday, February 3.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary