



COMMISSION ON THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

**MINUTES
November 18, 2004**

- Present: David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre, Dick Dietz, Marcus Embry, Jeff Farmer, Cynthia Galovich, Dianna Gray, Greg Heald, Jim Keaten, Matt Lang, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody
- Absent: Vinnie Scalia
- Guest: Allen Huang, Provost

Dick Dietz called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

Tom Trelogan/Dianna Gray moved to approve the minutes of the November 11 meeting.

2. Announcements

The new Vice President of Academic Affairs for SRC is Matt Lang; he replaces Chad Arakawa as the representative of SRC on the Commission.

David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre, Marcus Embry, Jim Keaten, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Mary Schuttler, and Vinnie Scalia will attend the AAC&U meeting in San Francisco in January.

There will be food and drinks at the Commission meetings from now on.

Matt Gianneschi, Chief Academic Officer, CCHE will be attending the December 2 Commission meeting.

- a.) He will discuss the CCHE Core Curriculum including competencies within the core curriculum.
- b.) State Transfer Core Courses

The Commission discussed what questions they would like Matt to answer. It was decided that Vinnie would be the main person for contact due to the fact that he is the GE 25 representative. A sub-group of David Caldwell, Jim Keaten, Marie Livingston, and Tom Trelogan will meet with Vinnie to decide what questions the Commission wants Matt to answer at the December 2 meeting.

Dick Dietz asked Allen Huang to clarify the decision making process of CCHE. Allen stated that GE25 is the moving force. Matt will carry the message and talk to the executive officer of CCHE. Strong faculty members serve on the discipline groups deciding transferability so they can push for our courses.

Marcus Embry asked Allen to clarify the fact that the CCHE performance contract along with UNC's new general education program is to be in effect for Fall 2006. Allen told the Commission that it will be a multi-year, phased in process due to the fact that the upperclassmen will be in other catalogs. Also, changes for the new general education program will come through the Commission and then to Faculty Senate.

Recommendation from the Commission is that there will need to be feedback from faculty. It was suggested that presentations be made to area chairs, and then public input. The Commission will need to go to faculty, students, etc. not expect them to come to us.

Jim Keaten/Mary Schuttler moved to elect Cynthia Galovich as chair of this Commission. Motion carried.

The Commission thanked Dick Dietz for his work with the Commission.

4. Assignment – Attachments 5-13

The Commission had a discussion on the remainder of the readings that President Norton and Vinnie Scalia handed out at the first meeting.

The main points of the discussion were:

Value of breadth versus depth in teaching – what does someone who can instruct across disciplines bring to general education versus someone whose research has focused on a particular area of a particular discipline.

The Commission needs to be clear about what needs to be addressed and not to import someone else's program – create our own.

Make general education coherent and make it connect with programs.

Team teaching model gives students knowledge in several disciplines. The courses would need to be smaller and need more dollars to achieve this. Pedagogically where are we going to find the next generation of general education teachers?

General Education should be unique and have a purpose.

You can't ignore the practicality of general education courses. Job performance versus liberal arts needs to be merged for continuity. There needs to be a balance in providing skills through general education and a career.

Are we doing authentic assessment in our courses now?

5. Other

Jeff Farmer asked that the following documents need to be linked to the CUE Web site:

Administration Comments

Unit Reports

Public Comments

Tom Trelogan is working on getting these links up on the Web site and as soon as they become available to him he will do so.

Meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary