



Commission on the University Experience

**MINUTES
November 4, 2004**

Present: Chad Arakawa, David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre, Dick Dietz, Marcus Embry, Jeff Farmer, Cynthia Galovich, Dianna Gray, Greg Heald, Jim Keaten, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Vinnie Scalia, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody

Guests: Allen Huang, Provost and Kay Norton, President

Dick Dietz called the meeting to order.

1. Announcements

Dick asked everyone to introduce themselves and state the areas they represent.

Thanks to Tom Trelogan there is a Web site for the Commission: <http://cue.unco.edu>

The Commission will have a meeting every Thursday from 11:00-12:30 in Candelaria 1100 for the rest of fall semester (except Thanksgiving).

The Commission has a budget to use for members to travel to conferences on general education or to bring guests in to speak on general education.

2. Charge to the Commission

President Norton thanked the people for serving on the Commission. President Norton gave the charge to the Commission (see attached). She also included several attachments regarding general education, liberal arts education, and cultural and diversity issues (see the CUE Web site for links to these articles). Greg Heald will take care of copyrights to put reading links on the Web site and will get these to Tom Trelogan.

Allen Huang discussed with the Commission the CCHE's Performance Contract regarding general education noting specifically that courses need to be transferable both into UNC and out to other state universities and colleges.

It was suggested that the Commission might be interested in attending the AAC&U conference on Liberal Education and the New Academy in January in San Francisco. Vinnie Scalia suggested that the Commission look at the AAC&U Web site for more information. Jeff Farmer brought up the fact that there is an AAC&U meeting in May on Undergraduate Education, Core Curricula, and General Education. It was felt that this meeting would probably be too late in the year to contribute to the Commission's task. The meeting in San Francisco will have a small portion devoted to these topics.

3. Other

The Commission needs to review the first four attachments before the next meeting on November 11 at 11:00 in Candelaria 1100 and to be prepared to discuss the articles with an eye to agreeing with, disagreeing with, and identifying ideas that might be adopted from them.

Tom Trelogan passed around a handout on the CUE Web site (see attached). Tom asked the Commission members to let him know if they wanted other topics added to the forum list. It was suggested that members could go to the Philosophy site to see how an open forum works. It was suggested that he have a link to CTF on the Web site.

Dick Dietz suggested a way to proceed with this Commission. He suggested that the first few meetings be used to review the readings that Kay handed out, to determine what members' stances are on the issues, and to discuss the articles. There are four more meetings this fall and Dick suggested that no decisions be made before next year. The Commission agreed that this is the way to proceed. Jim Keaten suggested that the Commission needs to decide on a standardized procedure after the first four meetings (the CTF Design Team used the Decision Center at the Monfort Business College – the GSS system). The Commission agreed that discussion of a standardized procedure should happen in December.

Dick also noted that a permanent chair needs to be elected. It was decided that a chair will be elected by Thursday, November 18 since the first meeting of the Transition Team (of which the Commission's chair will be a member) meets that afternoon and the Commission meets in the morning. Ex officio members cannot be elected to the chair position.

Jeff Farmer asked if students' perspectives on general education would be asked for. Suggestions for this were to use the Student Leadership Council, asking Chad to ask SRC, to make up a student questionnaire to be given in the spring, and to make the CUE Web site known to students. Marie Livingston asked if there was a general education question on the Alumni Surveys and the answer was no. Kay said that exit interviews are given to students who leave and/or transfer from the university.

A member asked if a surrogate could sit in for members if they are unable to be at a meeting. The answer was no, only members should attend.

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 for lunch and further discussion among the members.

Submitted by

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