



**COMMISSION ON THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE**

**MINUTES  
February 3, 2005**

Present: David Caldwell, Dick Dietz, Jeff Farmer, Dianna Gray, Greg Heald, Jim Keaten, Matt Lang, Kevin Laxalt, Vinnie Scalia, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody

Absent: Cris de la Torre, Marcus Embry, Cynthia Galovich, and Marie Livingston

Dick Dietz called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the January 13 meeting were approved as submitted.

The minutes of the January 20 meeting we approved with minor changes as submitted.

2. Announcements

Dick Dietz and Greg Heald will be attending the AAC&U Conference on General Education in Atlanta, February 17-19.

3. Submission of Courses for gtPathways

Tom Trelogan reported the GEC will probably have 50+ courses nominated for gtPathways. UNC will be submitting Foreign Language courses during this round of submissions. Tom informed the task force that he does not know the timeline of approval once the CCHE receives the submissions.

4. San Francisco Conference Report

Vinnie Scalia, Mary Schuttler, Kevin Laxalt, David Caldwell, and Jim Keaten reported on the conference they attended in January (see attached reports). They all agreed that when Dick Dietz and Greg Heald attend the Atlanta conference they should meet with the Georgia State University people regarding their General Education program. Kevin Laxalt will get this information to Dick Dietz.

Jim Keaten put together a document called "General Education Goals and Objections at a Glance" (see attached document).

5. Discussion

Kevin Laxalt had her EDEL 460 students complete a survey on the competencies they wanted to have nurtured by a General Education program (see attached document). Dick Dietz asked Kevin if she would be willing to repeat the exercise, but giving the students the categories this time. Dianna Gray stated she would be willing to administer the survey to physical activity students. Several task force members wanted to know what the purpose of doing this was. It was suggested that it provides a window into student thinking and interest concerning the impact of competencies in general education.

Matt Lang talked with Dr. Huang about SRC's sponsoring a General Education Summit to get students' views on the program.

Vinnie Scalia gave a report on the Student Services Task Force of which he is a member. At the moment, this group is inclined to put 100% of our freshmen in learning communities and is looking into the question of how student advising works for all students.

Mary Schuttler suggested that this commission needs to create a timeline making it plain what needs to be done.

Vinnie Scalia discussed the parameters of the state core and the problem of how to fit our courses within it. Things the commission needs to think about include: (1) what to do with the 5 credit hours that are not in the core; (2) what to do about service learning (one possibility would be to incorporate it into the majors); and (3) what to do about multicultural, interdisciplinary and international courses.

Jeff Farmer stated that this commission needs to move forward immediately, looking first at the short term goal, which includes what courses will be available for inclusion in the General Education core and what staffing will be needed for those courses. The commission also needs to try to anticipate problems that could be caused by these changes. Finally: what does this commission do with the 5 credit hours not in the core—intellectual diversity, multicultural diversity?

Jim Keaten suggested that the commission start by reviewing the Goals and Objectives stated in the Charting the Future report for the Best University Experience.

Dick Dietz will submit a plan to fill the 3-5 hours and will send it out electronically by Tuesday, February 8.

#### 6. Other

It was suggested that at the next meeting, a timeline really needs to be put together.

Tom Trelogan will make a list of the course submissions for gtPathways indicating the courses that are likely to be accepted, those for which acceptance is harder to predict, and those presently unlikely to be accepted. Tom also stated that the Council currently plans to submit as many courses as possible (to test the waters of GE 25). After Tom makes the list of courses submitted it will be forwarded to Institutional Research to see what impact it will have on the different units.

Cynthia Galovich had copies of CSU's core curriculum for the commission to look over prior to the next meeting (see attached document).

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Submitted by

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