

UNIVERSITY of
NORTHERN COLORADO



COMMISSION ON THE UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

MINUTES
March 10, 2005

Present: Dick Dietz, Marcus Embry, Cynthia Galovich, Dianna Gray, Greg Heald, Jim Keaten, Matt Lang, Kevin Laxalt, Marie Livingston, Vinnie Scalia, Mary Schuttler, Tom Trelogan, and Doug Woody

Absent: David Caldwell, Cris de la Torre and Jeff Farmer

Cynthia Galovich called the meeting to order.

1. Approval of Minutes

Marie Livingston/Marcus Embry moved to approve the minutes of the March 3 meeting. Motion carried.

2. Announcements

Cynthia Galovich announced that Donni Clark, Co-Chair of the Commission on Student Success, contacted her and that they would like to meet with this Commission the week after Spring Break. This meeting will be on Thursday, March 24 from 3:30-5:00. Sandy will find a room and let the Commission members know where the meeting will be.

3. Spreadsheet on "What to Do with the 9 Credit Hours"

A draft of the spreadsheet was handed out (see attached document).

4. Procedures on Decision Making

Jim Keaten's e-mail regarding procedures on decision making was discussed (see attached document).

The Commission agreed on the following criteria to be used for procedures on decision making:

Short Term Criteria

1. The program reflects the mission of general education.
2. Does not overlap with the core curriculum mandated by the state – need to consider the state core.
3. Short term plan can be in place by fall 2006.
4. Compatible with current resources.

The Commission members were asked to continue looking at the rest of the criteria that Jim listed in his proposal and to think about whether there are others that it would be good to add.

5. Mission for General Education

Vinnie Scalia's proposal on the mission of General Education was discussed (see attached document).

Marie Livingston/Mary Schuttler moved to accept the following mission statement:

The mission of the general education program is to foster competencies that enrich and enhance life experiences. The program provides skills and abilities which strengthen an individual's capacity to develop a critical and inquiring attitude, an appreciation of complexity and ambiguity of a changing world, a tolerance for and understanding of people of different backgrounds or values and a working understanding of the analytic, computational linguistic, and written skills by which they can continue to acquire and use knowledge. As a result of completing the general education program at the University of Northern Colorado graduates will develop the ability to reason and make ethical choices, to appreciate cultures and values different from theirs, to recognize the importance of the past and work towards a better future, and to function with skill and knowledge in an ever-changing world.

After some discussion Marie Livingston withdrew her motion.

Tom Trelogan is going to draft a mission statement using Vinnie Scalia's proposal, the current mission statement of the General Education program and his mission statement in his proposal, Tom will e-mail his proposal to the Commission for suggestions.

6. Other

Cynthia Galovich asked the Commission if she should ask for a deadline extension on the preliminary report to the President on the CUE which is due March 31. Commission agreed to ask for an extension until April 15.

The meetings for the Commission will be 3:30-5:00 starting with the March 24th meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Submitted by

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Recording Secretary