

Interim General Education Oversight Committee Minutes from March 23rd, 2012

Room 203 Student Center, 10 a.m. – Noon.

Members Present:

Ruth Beattie
Susan Larson
Juliana McDonald
Jennifer Rice
Ben Withers

Ex Officios Present:

Bill Rayens
Debra Sharp

Guests Present:

Leah Simpson
Chris Thuringer

1. The March 9th minutes were approved.
2. Honors – The Committee engaged in a discussion focused on how to best move ahead with the creation of “topics” courses in the four Inquiry areas. Four such topics courses have been designated to receive Core credit in the new Honors Program, provided they are constructed in a manner that ultimately meets IGEOC’s standards.

Dr. Withers, who has just been named Director of Honors, agreed to create a short document (one page approximately) that would summarize at least three of the most viable options that were surfaced. This will be circulated to IGEOC prior to the next meeting and, provided enough voting members are present, IGEOC will attempt to select the option they consider most workable and continue to work with Dr. Withers as needed.

3. Holistic versus Analytic Rubrics – Leah Simpson, from the Office of Assessment, led a discussion on holistic versus analytic rubrics. She pointed out that analytic was the best way to provide feedback to individual Areas, but that norming was much more difficult for an analytic rubric as compared to a holistic rubric.

Ms. Simpson went on to recommend a hybrid model, citing its use at other major universities, in which both an overall score is given to an artifact (holistic) as well as individual scores to particular subcategories as defined by the rubric (analytic). Norming would then take place on the holistic piece, which would be much more manageable. There were not enough IGEOC members present to vote on this but Rayens was asked to circulate a proposal to adopt this hybrid method and attempt to get a full IGEOC vote by way of email.

4. Meeting adjourned at 11:40

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- ^{1.} At the last IGEOC meeting Rayens was asked to send a note to Council Chair Hollie Swanson regarding the need for the Senate Subcommittee on Libraries to be aware of the need to support the Core with their acquisitions. Subsequent to that meeting it has become clear that both the Library and that Subcommittee are well aware of this need, so unless IGEOC feels differently, this note will not be sent. Please see changes to the minutes (attached).