

Minutes
University Council on General Education
November 7, 2007 Meeting

In Attendance: Professors Ken Hamilton, Victoria Lockwood, Beth Newman, Pamela Patton, Pia Vogel, Rick Worland, Bill Barnard, and Wayne Woodward; Associate Dean Jennifer Haden; Associate Dean Robb Pocklington; University Honors Program Director David D. Doyle; Student Representative Kyle Yarberry; Acting Associate Dean Jim Gerhardt; and Assistant to the Associate Dean for General Education Julian Guevara.

Review of Council Minutes

Dr. Gerhardt asked the Council to review the minutes for the meeting of October 24, 2007. The minutes were approved as written.

Proposed Probation, Suspension, and Dismissal

Dr. Haden discussed how Dedman College has looked to change the PSD Policy within the college and as a result noticed the General Education Curriculum requirements listed within the Dedman College portion of the Dedman College policy. What is being proposed is removing the GEC policy from the Dedman College section and give GEC its own section (please refer to handouts).

The issue to be brought is how probation/suspension works for part time versus full time students. The problem that whoever does the review of transcripts to find out whether a student has completed their GEC Fundamentals (ENGL 1301/1302, MATH, and Info TECH) is not quantifiable...it is done by hand because the computer cannot calculate terms of enrollment in terms of the policy. The current rule states that if the transfer student enters SMU with less than 15.0 hours, the student must complete by the completion of their fourth regular semester their fundamental. If the student enters with 15.0 or more transferable semester hours then they only have two regular semesters to complete their fundamentals. Again, the computer cannot distinguish 'terms of enrollment' based on our definition of terms of enrollment. Dedman Records Office currently oversees this query which currently takes one week to run. After this process is complete the Dedman Records Office manually goes through between 400+ transcripts to verify that these requirements have been complete. There is another query that exists and recommends the Council vote to put a number by the semester (please see Proposed PSD Policy 2). This will cause less confusion on the all students. A motion was made to approve the PROPOSED PSD POLICY 2 to have its own section in the Undergraduate Catalog (pending the outcome of the University Faculty vote on November 14); motion was seconded and approved.

Course Proposal

Cultural Formations: Sustainable Living (CFA 33XX/ANTH 3385), re-submitted by Robert Van Kemper on October 19, 2007. Gerhardt approved the instructor to see if it would be possible to 1) reformat and 2) address the disciplines and topics on the course proposal. After further discussion a motion was made to approve CFA 33XX/ANTH 3385 as a Cultural Formations offering; the motion was seconded and approved.

The Council adjourned its meeting at 3:48pm.

Council members received the following documents:

1. Agenda;
2. Minutes for October 24, 2007;

3. New course proposal, see item 3a;
 - a. **Cultural Formations:** Sustainable Living (CFA 33XX/ANTH 3385), re-submitted by Robert Van Kemper on November 5, 2007 (REVISED)