

TO: Academic Standards Committee (ASC)
FROM: Charles Singler, Chair
DATE: December 22, 1997
SUBJECT: Minutes from meetings on December 8, 11 and 15, 1997

Present 12/8/97: Singler, Mears, Kornbluth, Conser, Sirbu and Riley

Present 12/11/97: Law, Mears, Sirbu, Singler, Akpom, Kornbluth, Riley, Conser and McCloud

Present 12/15/97: Mears, Gill-Wigal, Kornbluth, Singler, Conser, McCloud, Riley, Law and Sirbu

Minutes:

a) 12/8; 1-2:50 PM

Discussion of General Education proposals. The ASC raised questions primarily seeking clarification of several areas including: computer science requirement and goal 2; speech requirement; assessment on meeting goals; writing skills; possibility that some goals would not be addressed; new General Ed. committee; and others.

b) 12/11; 3-5 PM

W. Jenkins (chair of Gen. Ed. Task Force) met with ASC for the second hour providing clarifications. Discussion of General Education issues, primarily on the capstone course, public discourse (not speaking skills) and others.

c) 12/15; 12:30-2:35 PM

Discussions were held mainly addressing questions about Recommendation 2 and the responsibilities and procedures of the new Gen. Ed. committee including: a framework statement of purpose; relationship to Univ. Curriculum Division (UCD) and Academic Programs Division (APD); make-up of new Gen. Ed. committee; course and policy approval procedures; and others.

At these three meetings, it was agreed that:

1. Recommendation 1 and Recommendation 2 will be presented to the Senate separately.
2. It is not necessary that ASC hold hearings.
3. The preface of Gen. Ed. goals needs a framework statement.
4. Policy reviews and changes should remain as part of the responsibilities of ASC.
5. The relationship of the Gen. Ed. committee to the UCD and APD is not clear.

The ASC agreed to schedule additional meetings:

1. Monday, January 5 at 4:00 p.m.; Kilcawley 2069
2. Monday, January 12 at 4:00 p.m.; Kilcawley 2069
3. Friday, January 16 at 1:00 p.m.; Kilcawley 2069