



**General Education Curriculum Subcommittee
Agenda
September 20, 2010
2:00 pm – 3:00 pm
Business Services Conference Room**

Present: Shannon Davis, Chris Mainzer, Patricia Mendez, Maria Parker, Marji Price

I. Review of April Meeting Notes – no changes suggested.

II. General Education SLOs – PRIORITY FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

Accreditation Standard II.A.3. “The institution, relying on the expertise of its faculty, determines the appropriateness of each course for inclusion in the general education curriculum by examining the stated learning outcomes for the course.”

A. Shannon went over the Brief Recent SLO History: (appeared on agenda too)

1. LOT identifies GE as a program and therefore in need of SLOs. This is supported by the Accreditation requirement above. This is presented to the GE Subcommittee at the 3/18/09 meeting. A plan is made to collect SLOs from all the courses in the GE areas and work backwards.
2. At the 10/14/09 meeting, the GE Subcommittee reviews GE SLOs from other CCCs and CSUs, chooses American River College as a model, and adopts a new plan for creating SLOs which involves GE Subcommittee reps taking the model and sample SLOs back to their departments to work on SLOs for their respective GE areas. SLOs are then to come back to GE Subcommittee for review/editing by 11/11/09 meeting.
3. 11/11/09 meeting was cancelled.
4. At the 2/24/10 meeting, all other GE business was put on hold in favor of prioritizing SLOs, including the review of new courses to be added to GE and the review of courses currently included in each GE area. Discussed approval process of SLOs – GE to recommend draft to Curriculum to approve and then sent to Senate. GE reps to continue to pursue creation of SLOs in their GE categories. Chair to send samples via email to those involved in areas still needing SLOs along with reminders.
5. At the 4/14 meeting, submitted SLOs for Language & Rationality were reviewed, edited, and then the committee decided that they should be sent to Math, Philosophy and Speech for their input/approval before being finalized. The Natural Sciences SLOs were handed out and briefly looked over, with the committee being concerned that there were so many SLOs. PE/Health Reps. Attended this meeting to get clarification of what was needed for their area.

6. Prior to this meeting, an email was sent to the new Social Sciences Chair with a description of our process, sample SLOs and the request for their department to put this on their meeting agenda for today, 9/20/10.

B. Shannon went over the GE Area SLOs and where they stand today

Language and Rationality (rep: Jenny Redding)

- Submitted by Jenny on behalf of Letters dept. on 10/20/09
- Sent to Math, Philosophy & Speech for review/input on 4/14/10 per committee request. Bret Black (Math) emailed that they looked fine to him but had questions on how they would be assessed. Hussein asked Marlene and Lilia for help and they sent emails that they were confused by what we were doing and if these replaced the institutional SLOs so I reminded them that we were charged by LOT to create these SLOs and explained our process. Email received from Jim in Letters wanting to make sure that everyone understood that courses qualifying for D-2 would not be expected to meet all of the SLOs. He also wanted the other depts. Represented in D-2 to know that Letters didn't create these SLOs, but chose them from sample SLOs provided and was not trying to force the other depts. to adopt them, this was just their input on the area; the SLOs they felt most useful.

Comment:

The Committee will review these SLOs again as part of this meeting.

Natural Sciences submitted by Science dept. (rep: Chris Mainzer)

- Submitted by Chris on behalf of the Science dept. on 3/9/10

Comment:

The Committee will review these SLOs as part of this meeting.

Arts and Humanities: (rep was Gwen Lewis-Huddleston, now Marji Price)

- 3/8/10 email sent to Gwen re: creating SLOs for Fine Arts and Humanities.
- Email sent on 4/13/10 checking on progress that was ever made prior to Gwen leaving OC. No reply ever received.

COMMENTS:

Marji did not have any information on whether or not any work had been done on SLOs for this GE area. Shannon offered to give Marji sample SLOs for this area and the others in her division to assist with the process.

ACTION ITEMS:

Marji will contact Gwen to find out what the status is of GE SLOs for this area. Marji asked Shannon to email copies of sample SLOs for all of the areas in her division.

Social and Behavioral Sciences: (rep. Carolyn Dorrance)

- Email sent on 2/26/10 to Carolyn, copying Ishita reminding of the charge of creating SLOs in their dept. for their GE areas with sample SLOs attached.
- Resent previous email on 4/13/10 per Carolyn's request.
- Sent new email to Chris Horrock on 9/14/10 with request to add GE SLOs to their department meeting agenda for today (9/20/10) along with sample SLOs. Voicemail left for Carolyn regarding same. Carolyn requested copy of email with samples be sent to her as well.

COMMENTS:

The Committee will meet after Curriculum Committee Meeting on 9/22 to get an update from Carolyn on progress made on these SLOs at the 9/20 department meeting.

PE and Health: submitted (rep. was Floyd Martin, now ??)

- Graciela emailed needing clarification, so she was invited to the 4/14/10 meeting which she attended along with Jonas Crawford.
- SLOs submitted by Graciela on 4/14/10 after the meeting

COMMENTS:

The committee felt that Carolyn Inouye should be asked to join the committee since Floyd was a member and there is otherwise no representation of PE/Health on the committee and with possible upcoming changes to PE/Health requirements, depending upon the interpretation of SB 1440 as well as state budget, it would be good to have someone advocating and knowledgeable about this area.

ACTION ITEMS:

Shannon will send Carolyn an invitation and if she cannot join, suggest Graciela join instead

Women's/Ethnic Studies: (rep. Carolyn Dorrance)

- Included in with Social and Behavioral Sciences

ACTION ITEM:

The committee will meet after Curriculum on Wed., 9/22 for a report on the status of this area.

- C. Communicating the work of the GE Subcommittee:** The EVP has asked that GE Committee report out at Curriculum meetings regularly and handout meeting agendas/notes to keep the committee informed about our work. Betty has been asked to add us to the Information/Discussion section of the Curriculum agenda. Also, thanks to Bola King-Rushing the GE Subcommittee now has its own webpage linked from the Curriculum Committee webpage. It includes the charge, a membership list, Meeting agendas and notes, and reference documents. In the future, agenda, notes, and hand-outs will be posted to the site as well as the GE SLOs.

D. Review of Natural Sciences SLOs

The committee went over the SLOs, eliminated those that were repetitive, too specific to one course or found to be unlikely to be measured in course level SLOs and combined others to come up with a new reduced list of only 4 SLOs for Natural Sciences.

ACTION ITEMS:

Chris Mainzer will type up the new SLOs and present them to her department at their 9/23 meeting this week for input and approval, then bring it back to the committee.

E. Review of PE/Health/Athletics SLOs

The committee felt that although the SLOs presented were good, they were missing a few things including more of the social and emotional aspects of personal development that occurs in sports or health courses that isn't just physiological. The group felt that maybe one SLO added to each area would make it more complete.

ACTION ITEMS:

Shannon will email Carolyn, Jonas and Graciela with the committee's suggestions and some more sample SLOs that address the missing topics.

F. Review of Communication and Analytic Thinking SLOs for area D-2

The committee felt that ample time had been given to Math, Speech, and Philosophy to respond and since there was no objection, these SLOs stand.

G. Next meeting: Wed. 9/22, immediately following Curriculum Committee, the committee will have a brief meeting to go catch up with Carolyn on progress made at Social Sciences department meeting from 9/20.

H. Future meetings for this semester: The committee agreed to meet at 2pm on Wednesday, 9/29, in the Business Services Conference Room