Council on General Education – 10/08/2009 Algonquin Room

Attendance: Diana Allen, Steve Bennett, Amy Brock, David Casagrande, David Haugen, John Hemingway, Doug Huff, John Miller, Diane Sandage, Jess White, Jim Schmidt, Judi Dallinger

I. Approval of prior minutes
   a. No questions/comments
   b. Approved

II. Announcements
   a. Problematic general education transfer classes coming in
      i. Applicants not understanding process?
      ii. General education categories not applicable, wrong category
   b. 13 transfer courses submitted to date

III. Consideration of IS 125 – Tej Kaul
   a. New course objectives distributed
      i. Reduced in number
      ii. Specific to course
   b. Revision process explained
      i. Prior guidance followed
      ii. Creating specific modules directly addressing social justice and equality in content
         1. Teams created – instructors focus in geographic areas

CGE Question – what proportion of the course is this “module”

Answer: module integrated throughout whole course; approximately 15-20% of the time will be spend on module work and/or social justice and equality issues [note: at one point, Tej Kaul stated that 15-20% of course would be module, then later 15-20% of module would be social justice and/or equality issues – may need clarification?]

CGE Question – what is a multicultural global team?

Answer: students combined from different institutions; working on prior framework of international degree programs being completed in the US; recently been addressed by graduate program

Response: interaction will automatically introduce social justice and equality issues; “fascinating” aspect

   c. Further corrections?
      i. Need to amend GENERAL EDUCATION goals
         1. Agreement to cut goals stated elsewhere to section A
2. CGE will request assessment for 2 of 3 stated goals (uniform procedure)
   d. Approval – David Casagrande moves to approve, Second – John Miller
      i. approved (9Y, 2 Ex-Offico present)

IV. Transfer courses
   a. Introduced two courses from Southeastern Illinois (HUM 124; HUM 280) for Gen Ed approval?
      i. Both lack specificity in course goals, content (study abroad component?)
      ii. HUM 124 only an elective at SEI
      iii. Approval denied – agreement to keep both as electives

V. Archiving – discussion tabled until next session

VI. Judi Dallinger - Introduction of possible problems with the way assessment is handled in departments?
   a. Inconsistency within departments, departments not using uniform method
      i. Should CGE become involved in department organization – dictate a method?
      ii. Agreement NOT to become involved – a department issue
   b. Special dispensation for English in assessment (due to numbers, assessment method used)
   c. Discussion on use of assessment results
      i. Helpful to department
      ii. Need assessment numbers for accreditation

VII. Meeting Adjourned