

**General Education Council
Minutes – April 28, 2010**

Call to Order: 2:05pm.

Members Present: Bryon Clark (chair), Brett Elliott, Betty Clay, Dick Hackett, Jane Elder, Kay Daigle, Mark Spencer, Halet Poovey, Robert McFadden, John Van Bebber, Brad Ludrick, Jane Hicks and Theresa Hrcir (guest).

Approval of Minutes: After a minor correction to the minutes from the February meeting, Robert McFadden moved to approve them as amended. The motion was seconded Halet Poovey and was approved unanimously.

Higher Learning Commission: Dr. Clark reported on his recent trip to the Higher Learning Commission meeting in Chicago. He said one message that he received is that there needs to be a **greater** focus on **fewer** items when it comes to assessment of general education. For instance, one of our items might be the communication skills that we talked about at our last meeting.

Personal Finance: The council then entertained a proposal to add the course *Personal Finance* as a general education elective under the social sciences category of our general education program.

Brett Elliott made a motion to approve the proposal and it was seconded by Halet Poovey. Although there was general agreement that this is a valuable course, several concerns and questions about the proposal were brought up by members of the council:

1. Is it appropriate to have a business course in the general education program?
2. Would it be more appropriate to place the course under the wellness option rather than the social sciences option?
3. Are there other universities that have such a course in their general education requirements?
4. What is the definition of general education according to the Oklahoma State Regents?

After much discussion, Dick Hackett made a motion to table the proposal, pending additional information that Dr. Clark will provide at the next meeting. Jane Elder seconded the motion and it passed with 8 in favor, 1 against and 1 abstention.

Choctaw Language: The council then entertained a proposal to add CHTW 3003 and CHTW 4003 as electives to the foreign language component under the humanities option in the general education program.

A motion to approve was made by Dick Hackett and seconded by Brad Ludrick and was approved unanimously.

Mark Spencer requested that we discuss at our next meeting whether the foreign language requirement should be 3 hours rather than the current 0-3 hours.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25pm.

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