MEETING

University-Level Advisory Committee for the General Education Curriculum

Advisory to the Council on Academic Affairs

November 6, 2009
10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
200 Bricker Hall

Members

Niraj J. Antani, Undergraduate Student Government
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John D. Wanzer, Assistant Provost, Enrollment Services and Undergraduate Education
Carl R. Zulauf, College of Food, Agriculture, and Environmental Science

AGENDA

I. Comments from the Chair

II. Writing Task Force Update

III. Invited guest: Dr. Adams-Gaston, Vice President for Student Life
Vision for Student Life and the Student Experience for Success Outcomes

IV. Non-binding informal vote on general education under semesters
(see attachment)

V. Discussion: Communication with stakeholders of committee’s process,
deliberations, and next steps
Call for Straw Vote from the Chair

Given what we think we know thus far and our deadline to make a recommendation at the end of the quarter to the Arts and Sciences Committee on Curriculum and Instruction and the Council on Academic Affairs, I would like to take a non-binding straw vote to help clarify our next action steps and to draw ourselves to an appropriate recommendation.

The following five choices appear to be broadly "on the table" at the moment. If forced to make a recommendation on November 6, 2009, what would it be? Please come prepared to choose among items A-E below. If you are unable to attend the meeting, please send an e-mail to Melissa Soave (soave.2@osu.edu) which states the same and declares your A-E choice.

Thank you.

A. Affirm the current distribution model of the GEC and translate it as direct as possible to a Semester version of the same

B. Affirm a modified distribution model that maintains the current, basic categories of required experiences, but expands flexibility in the manner in which requirements can be met

C. Reduce the categories of required experiences, through either student choice options (maintain all, students complete some), or recommended category elimination (maintain some, students must complete all that remain)

D. Reduce the categories of required to a "universal GE" (minimum categories applied to all), challenge curricular development for thematic upper level experiences

E. Forward a recommendation that establishes an overall percentage of the undergraduate degree that will be needed for GE, but provide a detailed recommendation of what is contained within that percentage at a later date