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General Education Committee Annual Report : 2007-2008

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USFSP FACULTY SENATE

STANDING COUNCIL/COMMITTEE ANNUAL REPORT

Please submit to Faculty Senate Chair by April 20th

Name of Council/Committee:
General Education Committee

Chair	Year
Lisa Starks and Cyndie Collins	2007/2008

Committee/Council Members	Year Service Term Ends
<u>Julie Armstrong</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
<u>Jennifer Baker</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
<u>Cyndie Collins</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>
<u>Susan Fernandez</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
<u>Jim Krest</u>	<u>2008/2009</u>
<u>Tina Neville</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
<u>Andy Reeves</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>
<u>Todd Shank</u>	<u>2007/2008</u>
<u>Lisa Starks</u>	<u>2009/2010</u>

Dates of Meetings:	Minutes Submitted	Yes	No
<u>10/25/07</u>		<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>12/06/08</u>		<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>02/06/08</u>		<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>03/26/08</u>		<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
<u>04/16/08</u>		<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

Summary of Actions, Works in Progress, Concerns for next year:

Actions

- Reaffirmed decision to “mirror” the Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health general education requirements.
- Provided for a general education information session to all faculty on December 7, 2007. (Presenters were Dr. Gladis Kersaint, Chair – Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health General Education Council and Dr. Janet Moore, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Studies, USF Tampa.)

- Distributed lists of approved general education courses to all faculty who teach in affected disciplines.
- Negotiated the process for the Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health General Education Council to consider new USFSP general education courses for approved use in Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health general education requirements.
- Developed a process for USFSP submission of new general education courses.
- Worked with a faculty member on the first USFSP course proposal.
- Provided a USFSP liaison who attended the USF Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health General Education Council meetings in Tampa.

Works in Progress

- Providing continued education and support of faculty who will be implementing the new general education requirements
- Providing continued education and support of faculty who propose new USFSP general education courses.
- Providing a clearly defined structure for assessment of general education courses and program.
- Providing a clearly defined structure for review of on-going general education courses.

Concerns

- Absence of funding to implement innovative classroom methods at USFSP for new course proposals.
- Absence of funding to replicate the Tampa, Sarasota, Lakeland, & Health General Education Council proposed course mentoring systems on courses already approved by this committee.
- Need to meet with VCAA to discuss priorities and direction.