

**General Education Committee**  
**Meeting Minutes Feb. 8, 2016**  
**2:30 p.m. HUB 109**

**Members Present:** Wendy Palmquist, Holly Oliver, Jason Swift, Elisabeth Johnston, Mike Davidson, Joseph Rino (non-voting), David Zehr (ex officio), Mary Campbell (consultant; non-voting), Clarissa Uttley (non-voting)

**Members Absent:** Rowan Allen (student rep)

**Approval of Minutes:**

- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> minutes-approved as amended; 5-0-0

**Spring Meeting Scribe:**

- Holly Oliver has agreed to serve as scribe for spring 2016

**Updates:**

- It is official that **Connections** Sunset Renewal deadlines have been postponed and will not be due on or before April 4, 2016.
- Curriculum Committee will meet on Feb. 19th

**Sunset Renewals:**

- Votes for Proposals Submitted for February 8, 2016; 8 voting members (1 vacancy); 2 members did not vote
  - MA 1900 Statistical Literacy; QRCO; approved 7-0-0
  - CJ2350/MA2350 Statistics for Criminal Justice; QRCO; approved 7-0-0
  - EN3720 Currents in American Literature 2; DICO; approved 7-0-0

**New Course Proposal:**

- CJ10XX Emerging Technology in CJ; TECO; approved 7-0-0

**Point of information:**

- PE 2731, Motor Development is dropping its WRCO status.

**Learning Outcomes Assessment Pilot Project – Clarissa Uttley:**

- A little background: learning outcomes were an effort to focus course assessment on student learning and not the traditional factors found in course evaluation tools;
- Varied results from instructor reports; different formats for reporting out; different assessment tools used; some instructor feedback easy to interpret and others not so much; inconsistent results
- Value of data is in question; not exactly what we were looking for;
- In present form, data cannot be used for NEASC or USNH Board of Trustees;

- Clarissa will post some information and sample rubrics (in particular, a critical thinking rubric) gathered at the Dec. NEASC conference for the committee to review before the Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> meeting; if committee agrees, pilot participants will be invited to the March 28<sup>th</sup> meeting; for that meeting, a list of questions will need to be created including, “Did having course outcomes available during the planning stages influence the approach taken in developing the course and relevant assessments?”

**Handbook:**

- Mike will update the committee at the next meeting

**Online Evaluations:**

- Discussion ensued re: the skills-based questions and those specific to the Connections & Directions courses; effort will be made to simplify and consolidate some of the questions prior to spring 2016 course evaluation implementation;
- Joey will update the committee at the next meeting

**Other?**

- None

**Adjourned @ 3:20 p.m.**

**Next meeting: Monday, February 22, 2015, 2:30-4:00**