GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 25, 2016
2:30-4:00, HUB 109

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: Joey Rino, Rowan Allen (student rep)

Guest: Annette Holba

2:30 Welcome

• Approval of Minutes from April 11, 2016, meeting (available on Moodle)
  o Remove word agenda from minutes
• Update on Curriculum Committee actions affecting Gen Ed
  o No updates for this meeting

2:45 Sunset Renewal and New Course Proposals: None for this meeting

  o Two for next meeting

2:45 Gen Ed Task Force Report

• Discussion-
• Holly provides an overview of the Task Force Work
• Research from work aligns with Strategic Clusters
• Review of other institutions’ General Education programs from report
• Thoughts about recommendations from report
• Northern Illinois University- What does their program look like? Could it help PSU revision General Education program?
• How do perceptions of students change depending on year (First Year, Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors…)?- Could this information help?
• When do we start this work of revising the program? When is the right time?
• Does there need to be a General Education response to this report?
  o Transition 3 to 4-credit model
  o Philosophy ideas; Strategic Clusters
  o Response to NEASC report
  o Build assessment into the new program
  o What already exists in the current model that relates to clusters/interdisciplinary?
• Annette shares perspective from Task Force.
• Next meeting, consider what to do about Sunset Renewals for next year.

4:00 Other

• Online Evals – Joey- no update
• Other?- Handbook Updates- Mike shared changes made to the handbook.

Summary of changes:

• Incorporated the syllabi requirements approved May 12, 2014 (p. 11)
• Updated Process for Approving or Renewing Gen Ed status for a course (p. 22-23)
• Updated links and directions in appendix F (p. 24)
• Sample proposals link in appendix G does not work; remove this appendix
• MOTION to approve draft- approved by all members

Next meeting: Monday, May 9, 2016, 2:30-4:00