

# 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*)
  - Remove word agenda from minutes
- Update on Curriculum Committee actions affecting Gen Ed
  - No updates for this meeting

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

- 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?
  - Transition 3 to 4-credit model
  - Philosophy ideas; Strategic Clusters
  - Response to NEASC report
  - Build assessment into the new program
  - 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**