

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, Sept. 12, 2016

2:30-4:00, HUB 109

Approved Minutes

Members Present: Wendy Palmquist, Holly Oliver, Joseph Rino, Michael Davidson, Sandra McBournie, Michelle Fistek, Dean Gail Mears, Mary Campbell (non-voting), Clarissa Uttley (non-voting), & Annmarie Conlon (faculty observer)

Members Absent: Student Rep

Approval of Minutes:

- May 9, 2016-approved with suggested edits re: attendance roster

Election of Committee Chair:

- Unanimous support for Wendy Palmquist

Update on Curriculum Committee actions affecting Gen Ed

- Curriculum Committee will be meeting on Friday, Sept. 16th

Sunset Renewals

- Continue to be on hold while we work through the potential Gen Ed transition

New Course Proposals

- Proposals may still be brought forward for review and vote
- There will be some new proposals that will need review and voting on Moodle prior to the next meeting on Sept. 26th

Tasks/discussions for the upcoming year:

- Review & consider Gen Ed Task Force Report as a starting point
- Explore how Gen Ed can fit into the cluster model?
- Dean Mears-
 - President Birx wants FYS & Gen Ed to align with Clusters in a phased approach; goal is to implement a newly revised FYS in Fall 2017 and new Gen Ed program for Fall 2018 (incoming students only)
 - There is money to provide resources to help with the development of a new Gen Ed; do we want a professional facilitator to aid in the process?
 - With all of the changes the catalog deadline *may* be extended in the spring 2017

- There is an interim report on Gen Ed assessment/effectiveness due in January
- Align terminology to make the most sense; the hope is to streamline data using a data management system
- Important to get students involved on these discussions
- Clusters need to include core values and identified outcomes; are the recently determined outcomes the “right” ones? How do we incorporate and establish procedures for assessment of outcomes at the beginning of course/curriculum development?
- **First Year Experience Working Group** has been formed by Mark Fischler and will meet at the same time (2:30) on the gen ed off weeks; Wendy will put a link on the Gen Ed Moodle page when one becomes available
 - Members: Cathy LeBlanc, Nick Sevegny, Elliot Gruner, Annette Holba, Michelle Fistik, Wendy Palmquist, Holly Oliver (will confirm at next meeting)
 - President Birx is proposing a challenge/problem solving approach to FYS (as opposed to the question format we now have) to bring in relevance and real world experience;
 - President Birx is proposing a certificate process whereby students take a certain set of courses in one particular area of expertise (maybe across clusters?)
 - President Birx is suggesting a themed approach to a new Gen Ed
- Formation of **Gen Ed/Cluster Process Working Group**:
 - Sandra, Clarissa, Annmarie, Michelle, Joey, Michael, Gail
 - Will meet from 4:00-5:00 following each Gen Ed meeting
 - Will determine protocol and process for moving forward
- We will add an agenda item for each working group to report out on progress to date

Homework!

- Read Materials/Documents found on the Moodle page, especially the Gen Ed Handbook
- Review new course proposal information and vote prior to the next meeting

Next meeting September 26, 2016