

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, September 26, 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:

- Sept. 12, 2016-approved

Sunset Renewal and New Course Proposals:

- IS 2222 (TECO) was approved
 - 4 in favor
 - 3 no vote
- Sunset Renewal-there will be three from SS Education to review for the next meeting
- Should be receiving some ESP proposals in the near future

Update on Curriculum Committee

- Elected Hilary Swank as Chair
- Approved IS 2222 with course number change IS 2220 to reflect Gen Ed status
- Representatives from Environmental Society & Policy (ESP) came with many new course and program change proposals; because of the volume of information, they will be coming back to the committee with further clarification.

First Year Experience/FYS Working Group

- Guides will serve as liaisons between the two working groups: Cathy LeBlanc, Annette Holba, Nick Sevegny, & Elliot Gruner;
- Important to keep the two working groups working side by side, not separately
- Status of FYS Coordinating Council (FYS Coordinator & rep from Gen Ed Committee)? Are these one and the same? Where do future recommendations go?
- Important to maintain transparency
- President Birx shared vision for FYS including a possible capstone experience
- Introduction to interdisciplinary thinking

- Let's not associate a FYS with a specific cluster
- Student interest should drive choices, not available times
- "we" understand the connections, but we have to help "students" see the connections
- Can we do away with "hard scheduling"?
- Students need to tell their own educational story and have choice during the first semester
- Many current processes are focused on what works for us and not them
- Next meeting's focus: goals, outcomes, and considerations
- Need to work on timetable: FYS & Directions

Gen Ed/Cluster Process Working Group

- Will meet after Gen Ed today
- Work on Phase I Model of Gen Ed that is engaging and sensible
- Work on timeline: FYS & Directions

Other?

Misc. Info needed:

- Future plans for Orientation
- Future plans for first year Scheduling
- Future plans for 3 v. 4 credits
- Is the FYS Working Group for all intents and purposes the FYS Council?

NEASC interim report in January-don't forget! Critical to keep assessment in mind

Adjourned at 3:36 p.m.

Next meeting: October 24, 2016!