

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, October 24, 2016

2:30-4:00, HUB 109

APPROVED MINUTES

Present: 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), & Cory Yelle (student representative)

Absent: Nobody!!

2:30 Welcome

- Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2016 meeting (*available on Moodle*)
- Update on Curriculum Committee actions affecting Gen Ed:
 - Discussion with cluster guides
 - 3 v. 4 credits Discussion (revising class schedule/time blocks; IT block templates; 1 longer (2 hour) block able to accommodate 1,2,3,4 cr.; possible Fall 2018 implementation; hopefully allow for some common “open” time)

2:45 Sunset Renewal and New Course Proposals:

- PY 2310 (QRCO) sunset was approved Vote: 7 in Favor; 0 opposed
- PY 1010 (GACO) sunset was approved Vote: 7 in Favor; 0 opposed
- DNDI 2100 (CTDI) 2nd experimental offering was approved; Vote: 7 in Favor; 0 opposed
- PY 2650 was tabled until Nov. 14 at the request of the department, since no one could attend our meeting this time to answer questions

3:00 Consideration of necessary Bylaw changes

- Gail Mears will find out what the Deans have decided about language re: Academic Affairs representative (Note: Sandra McBournie is on By-law Committee)

3:15 Gen Ed and FYS working groups update

- Gen Ed Working Group
 - Started on goals
 - Honestly, still vague on mission
 - Created One-Drive document

- Recommend phase I revision of Gen Ed (Directions, which is consistent with Cluster vision of the university)
- Homework: work on Goals; review Gen Ed handbook; review Gen Ed Task Force recommendations; review current outcomes of the Gen Ed program
- FYS Working Group
 - Annette will transfer current working document so it is in One-Drive
 - Still looking at time table re: implementation
 - Still working on goals; what goals could be integrated to align with cluster initiative
 - Thinking about fall 2017-all of sections try to incorporate the new goals

Current Gen Ed language discussion items:

- “Directions may not be team taught” (might have been a resource issues);
- Caps on class size; there is a section now with 80!
- Should all be 3 credit, except science was granted permission for 4
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3:30 Other

Misc. Info needed:

- Future plans for Orientation
- Future plans for first year Scheduling
- Future plans for 3 v. 4 credits-UPDATED FROM Mary & Gail-See above
- Is the FYS Working Group for all intents and purposes the FYS Council? YES

Next meeting: November 14, 2016!