GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, November 14, 2016

Approved Minutes

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

Minutes from October 24, 2016 Approved

• Update on Curriculum Committee actions affecting Gen Ed
  o Comedy course on agenda for Friday
• Sunset Renewal and New Course Proposals:
  o PY 2650, tabled until Nov. 14 at the request of the department, has been **withdrawn**.
  o LL XXXX Comedy and History in Foreign Films (GACO) (PPDI) was approved; Vote: 6 in favor; 0 opposed
  o CH 1800 Chemistry for a Sustainable World (SIDI) was approved.
    Vote: 5 in favor; 1 opposed
  o ESDI 2500 Environmental Science (SIDI) was approved.
    Vote: 6 in favor; 9 opposed
• Gen Ed Working Group update:
  o Will meet today…
• FYS working groups update:
  o Still working on consolidating goals
  o Started framing the structure of the course
  o Started thinking about professional development and what that might look like
  o Discussed the Nov. 30th all campus meeting as a forum for input/feedback re: goals and “themed Gen Ed”; possible challenges for FYS
  o Next meeting: Friday, Nov. 18th @ 2:00 p.m. in Hyde
• Other:
  o Common name for Academic Affairs representative coming from By-Laws group TBA; Dean Mears will also follow up
  o Dean Mears raised question of voting status for Dean’s representative; necessary or not? Fine either way, just wanted to raise the question
  o Nov. 30th meeting:
    ▪ 3:30-5:00 p.m.
    ▪ Heritage Hall for initial gathering and one breakout session
    ▪ First Floor Classroom
    ▪ Nick is to notify the campus
Nick will introduce the forum
Pres. Birx might be able to come for about a half hour

- Other-Gen Ed:
  - 3 linked Gen Ed courses = certificate; could do certificates in multiple clusters other than the home cluster;
  - reiterated that certificates would be optional (Pres. Birx’s blog post);
  - Annette-certificate could be “cross-clustered”;
  - Sandy-horizontal and vertical threads/themes;
  - Joey-major is vertical (depth) and micro-credentialing is horizontal (breadth)
  - Departments may be involved in more than one cluster

Next meeting: November 28, 2016!