

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 - PY 2650, tabled until Nov. 14 at the request of the department, has been **withdrawn**.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