

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Monday, April 10, 2017

Approved Minutes

Present: Wendy Palmquist, Holly Oliver, Joseph Rino, Michael Davidson, Sandra Van Gundy, Dean Gail Mears, Mary Campbell (non-voting), & Annmarie Conlon (faculty observer).

Absent: Michelle Fistek & Corey Yelle (student representative)

Guides: Cathie Leblanc & Annette Holba

Minutes from March 27, 2017 meeting were approved

Update on General Education

- Deans are committed to hiring a person to oversee Gen Ed
- Deans are thanked for their advocacy

4 credit Gen Ed

- Motion to change Gen Ed language from 3 credit courses to “at least 3 credits” was brought to the faculty for approval. Despite lengthy discussion and some dissent, the motion did pass.

FYS Working Group Update

- FYS Working Group is on hold for right now as FYS Fellow begin their work.

Gen Ed Working Group

- Results of the retreat on 4/7/2017 were shared. Very productive meeting! A written report will be available soon and this group has been invited to share their work with the Curriculum Committee.
- Decision was made to recommend a task force be formed to continue the work of the Gen Ed Working Group and to address issues brought forward in the Gen Ed Task Force review.
- Cathie LeBlanc (Cluster Guide guest) agreed to come up with language soliciting the formation of a task force.
- Priorities for this task force include the consideration of and plan for implementation of the following:
 - 4 credit model for Gen Ed (phase one)
 - Aligning Gen Ed with strategic cluster focus (phase two)

Next meeting: April 24, 2017