General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

February 8, 2018

Members Present: Steve Cunningham, Chris Manaseri, Jenn McNamara, Kate Polasek, Frank Rossi, David Smukler, Kevin Sheets, Lauren Stern, Kim Stone, Abby Thomas, Carol van der Karr

Members Absent: Bruce Mattingly

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **Approval of Minutes** |  | **Approved** |
| **Curriculog**  **FSA 333** | GE 6 (Contrasting Cultures) language was added to syllabus. | **Approved for designation** |
| **Assessment update - Schedule** | A lot of syllabi have been submitted, call for volunteers to review:  GE 3 (Soc. Sci.) – Lauren Stern and Kate Polasek  GE 5 (Western Civ.) – Kevin Sheets and Kim Stone.  Materials available on Gen Ed Committee shared drive folder:  GE Syllabi Review Checklist file  Syllabi files being saved at Gen Ed Committee\Assessment\Spring 2018. | **Reviewers are to fill out Checklist file for each syllabi and save to shared drive.**  **Deadline March 1.** |
| **Assessment update – Rubric committees** | GE 3 close but still needs to send finished product. | **Abby will inform Committee when ready.** |
|  | GE 5 done. |  |
|  | GE 2 (Natural Sci.) –More time needed to develop assessment process that adequately addresses complications of lecture-lab structure. Also gives chance to look at how other SUNYs are assessing GE2.  Rubric committee has concerns about wording of one SLO, referring to mathematical analysis. Question raised if rubric committees should be recommending changes to SLOs? Answer is yes, they should review SLOs as well as develop rubrics. This is first cycle in which we are assessing GE at the individual SLO level. SLOs should be reviewed. However, assessment needs to be designed for current wording of SLOs, any change to SLOs have to go through extensive approval process.  Discussion ensued regarding broader question - what should purpose of GE2 be? Largely up to us, but we need to be able to map it back to SUNY GEs. Regarding the requirement for GE2s to include labs, that is a local Cortland requirement, not SUNY requirement. Possibility exists for curricular redesign. | **Postponing assessment until 2018-19 (possibly Fall rather than Spring).**  **Rubric subcommittee will meet again.** |
| **GE 11 (Prejudice-Discrimination)** | Retreats next week 2/13 and 2/15 (if needed) from 8-9:50 in Miller 405 to determine Committee’s recommendation regarding GE 11 revision. | **Review Blackboard info** |
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Respectfully submitted by Steve Cunningham