General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

November 29, 2012

Members Present: Brooke Burk, Merle Canfield, Yomee Lee, Sonia Sharma, Abby Thomas, Carol Van Der Karr

Members Absent: Janet Duncan, Anita Kuiken, Kathy Lawrence, Bruce Mattingly, Bob Spitzer

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| 1. Minutes from previous meeting | Minutes from November 15 meeting approved. |  |
| 1. COM 301 | Information requested from Communications Studies department was received in reference to the contingent pass. | Course proposal will be forwarded to SUNY. |
| 1. Committees to review materials in the Spring | We will be moving forward with assessing 3 GE categories. Assessment of 10a has been put on hold because it was assessed in 2010. Committee members were asked to identify one category to work with specifically to assist in review. The following categories will be assessed and the names listed indicate committee members who will be assisting in the review of that category:   * GE 6 Contrasting Cultures (Yomee) * GE 7 Humanities (Abby) * GE 12 Science, Technology, Values and Society (Sonia) | Other committee members are asked to identify a category they are interested in helping review. |
| 1. Assessment review update | 1 or 2 faculty have turned in their summary/feedback on the assessment results they have received. | Brooke will try to share answers to question #6 (how can we make this assessment more useful) as they come in for the committee to consider. |
| 1. Director of Institutional Research and Assessment report | Letters for selected courses are getting ready to be sent out. Merle used a random selection of 30% of courses being offered in each category. A list of selected courses was shared. |  |
| 1. SUNY GE recommendation (7 out of 10) discussion | * Carol reported on the SUNY recommendation and shared information from a recent SUNY meeting she attended. * Really talking about 5 out of 8 because SUNY is going to require Math and Basic Communication. * SUNY may start to look at why schools have more GE requirements. * We currently have the ability to use 7 out of 10 with 30 credits of GE. * Not sure what the mandate will be, but there is a request for it to be as clear as possible. * This will need to be a larger campus discussion. * The role of the GE committee in this process will be to possibly make a recommendation, survey the campus and oversee the discussion with possibly a proposal to faculty senate. This also could be a campus referendum. * Any faculty senate recommendation would then need to be approved by the Provost and then the President. * Things to consider in this discussion:   What importance do we put on a liberal education?  What are the implications of a change?  Consideration of resource allocations  Should GE be all lower division course work? | Carol will send out a draft of the SUNY transfer mobility statement when the most up to date version is available.  A campus conversation is likely to happen in the spring. |
|  | Meeting adjourned 9:45 am  Next meeting December 13 |  |

Submitted by Abby Thomas

Approved 12/13/2012