General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2017

Members Present: Steve Cunningham, Chris Manaseri, Jenn McNamara, Joseph Mogavero, Frank Rossi, David Smukler, Kevin Sheets, Lauren Stern, Kim Stone, Abby Thomas, Bruce Mattingly, Guest Laura Davies

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| Updates | Laura Davies joined us to share information about her committee’s work and to review the rubric the Writing Intensive Committee is completing. Lauren also discussed the work her committee is involved with regarding Imformation Management learning outcomes. The rubric shared addressed both areas. Both are tied to Critical Thinking GE requirements. How we assess these competencies is the key question for the GE Committee since not all of these competencies are specifically course-embedded, while our assessment practices are. Questions remain about linking WI, IM, and CT assessment and about what level courses might be most appropriate to use in a representative sample. | Discussion and suggestions ensued, particularly around WI couses in which research is not necessarily required, and around the issues associated with assessing the IM and CT competencies.Steve will email the group with the last assessment of CT conducted (on GE 11) as suggested by Kevin. |
| Curriculog ATH 332 AAS/COM 231 | Study abroad in Belize – GE 8Hip Hop Culture response. Jenn shared her reaction to having attended a recent Council of Chairs meeting in which GE assessment was discussed. Bruce helped clarify the direction the Chairs seemed to feel was most appropriate. Issues around part-time faculty and the role of DCs in communicating expectations about GE assessment seem to be some of the problem areas.Bruce raised concerns about targeting missing assessments in subsequent assessment cycles and the impact that may have on the work of the committee.Chairs expressed that the support of their Dean is crucial in addressing issues of non-compliance with GE assessment schedules. | Approved for designation.Bruce will meet with Professor Stevens to clarify specific concerns from AAS/COM 231 last year.The committee was informed that Chairs have a responsibity to help assure GE assessment plans are enacted within their respective departments. |