General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

January 23, 2014

Members Present: Brooke Burk, Carol Van Der Karr, Lisa Czirr, Emily Quinlan, Stephen Chemsak, Jenn McNamara, Robert Spitzer, Yomee Lee, Sonia Sharma, David Smukler

Members Absent: Sam Kelley, Tim Gerhard, Bruce Mattingly

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| 1. Review/Approval of Minutes from Dec. 12th
 | Review of Minutes | Minutes approved with a change of the name of the person who submitted the minutes. |
| 1. Welcome
 | The new and returning members were introduced and welcomed.   |  |
| 1. Discussion on ``GE open meetings’’
 | * Carol stated that there were a couple of models that emerged during the meeting at the Provost cabinet. “Should the GE pursue ‘talking points’ or ‘recommendations?” She stated that the committee needed to have some intentionality regarding the models.
* Brook reported on the process and the outcome of the winter retreat and shared the ideas and potentials that were discussed during the meeting. The options include three choices: options 1, 2A and 2B, which were explained in detailed in the handout.
* David stated that this GE committee’s current work is both a ‘talking’ and a ‘recommendation’. He also stated that if we were going for this, then we were promoting the idea, therefore we were attempting to find ways to combine.
* Carol asked how the committee members felt about moving forward for further discussion and all agreed.
* It was proposed that we have a few open meetings during Spring semester. Multiple approaches as a means for recruiting participants were discussed. They include the usage of a link on a GE website for people’s comments, all department chairs’ involvement, etc.
* The committee agreed to have three open meetings at various locations on campus, similar to last year’s meetings.
* This is another round of discussion to lead to a possible recommendation to the senate.
* Provost’s cabinet, joint chairs and SGA’s involvement were discussed as well.
* Carol stated that she could come up with the specific date for the meetings during our next meeting on the 6th.
* Brook said open meetings would be scheduled around the 10-14th of February
 | Committee approved proceeding with additional campus meetings in the Spring and requesting formal feedback from department chairs across campus.Carol will send e-mails to the chairs of each department to inform them about the upcoming meetings. |
|   |  Meeting Adjourned 9:03 am  |  |

 Submitted by Yomee Lee

Approved 2/6/2014