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General Education Committee Meeting Minutes

September 1, 2016

Members Present: S. Chemsak, L. Czirr, J. McNamara, K. Sheets, F. Rossi, A. Thomas, C. Van Der Karr, A. Young, K. Stone

Members Absent: B. Mattingly, S. Stratton

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| **Topic** | **Comments** | **Action** |
| **Approval of 5/5/16 minutes** |  | Minutes approved |
| **Election of Chair** | Jenn offered to serve as chair again. | Andy moved to nominate Jenn as Chair. Abby seconded. Vote was unanimous. |
| **Asessment** | Discussion regarding the distribution, sharing and use of the results from last year’s assessment. Results are available. Carol noted the committee has been reluctant to share with campus or chairs course-level results so that GE assessment is not used in personnel decisions. Individual faculty can compare their results with categrory-wide results.  Committee discussed potential for constructive conversations among GE category faculty regarding assessment results with a hope that recommendations (as needed and appropriate) would be forwarded to the GE committee for discussion and action.  Individual faculty can also reflect on the results from their specific course and modify instruction as necessary.  Kim suggested the committee consider using the assessment process to recognize best practices and share results with campus. | Continue conversation at next meeting regarding assessment and sharing of results.  The committee will need to determine a timeline for the next round of assessment. |
| **GE 11** | Carol and Jenn reported that GE 11 faculty engaged in a spirited debate and conversations last year regarding the scope, meaning, and significance of the current GE 11 category.  No report or formal recommendations have been forwarded to the Committee. | Suggestion made that the Committee ask the chair of the GE 11 working group to summarize the results of their conversations (with any recommendations) so that the GE Committee could then implement next steps, including a general campus-wide conversation with invitations for students to participate in those discussions. |
| **Course Review Process** | Jenn encouraged committee members to review “Guidelines for Review of General Education Courses” (available on-line). These include the criteria the committee uses when considering course proposals. Should committee members wish to modify these guidelines, the Committee can discuss changes and propose them to Faculty Senate. |  |
| **Agenda items for next meeting** | Review proposals for ENG 110 and PHI 320 in Curriculog |  |
| **Adjourned 9:25** |  |  |

Submitted by Kevin Sheets