General Education Curriculum Committee  
February 26, 2015  
3124 WSW -2:00 pm – 3:30 pm

Present: Shan Parker, Cameron McLeman, Jie Li, Elizabeth Collardey, Sarah Lippert, Cathy Miller, Laura McLeman, Barbara Hollie

1. Review of February 12, 2015 minutes (see GECC web site). Minutes were approved with spelling correction.

2. Updates  
   a. Shan will send the Faculty Council response to committee members.
   b. UNV 100--FYE course updates:  
      • Reimagining the City: Science, Education and Society; Food and Culture. Jie reported that SOM’s undergrad committee approved these courses and they will be voted upon by the SOM faculty in early March.

3. Review of new proposed GE courses (GECC website). FYE course: Tales from the Dark Side. GECC approved this course.

4. Review of non-equivalent courses (check GECC website)  
   Alireza Mirahmadi, FQ.  
   GECC will not review due to an incomplete application. The petition should be returned to the student.
   Shan explained there is no record of approvals for Ryan Merten and Destiny Shelmon.

   GECC members consulted the SIS transcript for the Shelmon which indicated the course was approved for Fall 2011 as Art History 1XX. No action is needed except for informing the Registrar’s Office.

   GECC members then consulted the SIS transcript for Merten which indicated Hi260 was accepted as a social science course. Additionally, this student as of this date has fulfilled the Humanities requirement. No action is needed except for informing the Registrar.

5. Discussion occurred around the need to clarify the process and communication flow specifying positions of who is responsible at each phase for acting or moving courses forward. **This discussion will be continued when Roy is present.**

Discussion also occurred around how new committee members are informed or oriented to mission and responsibility of university committees. Sarah reported the new Curriculum Coordination Committee (CCC) has developed these. Shan will forward a request to Lois Alexander of Faculty Council to have an information packet created for GECC.

6. GE Forum. Shan will present a **one-page summary (provided by Roy)** of the Faculty Survey Results at the University Governing Faculty meeting. The forum has been rescheduled for Thursday, March 26th, 2015, from 2-3:30pm. **Shan will confirm the location. Shan will also email the final, complete powerpoint presentation.**
Discussion occurred over concerns that CAS faculty would confront Shan about a budgetary report distributed to CAS faculty implicating the new GenEd program for financial disadvantaging of the unit. GECC agreed that such discussion is outside of GECC’s mission.

Barbara posed a clarifying question about the purpose of the Forum. Shan explained that it is GECC’s responsibility to evaluate the GenEd program. Last spring surveys were distributed to faculty and students. The Forum will share with the university the results of those surveys as well as listening to faculty concerns.

Discussion occurred about the new CCC committee and what relationship and communication is appropriate between CCC and GECC. Sarah (chair of CCC) explained that the CCC will be sending out notices inviting faculty to share concerns about potential duplication of courses. The role/authority of CCC is not yet clear since the CCC was formed by the previous provost. For now, the CCC will investigate all concerns and work with the administration in resolving duplication of courses.

GECC agreed that there should be communication between GECC and CCC. Sarah will discuss this with CCC and share what protocols are possible to facilitate this important collaboration among standing committees. Sarah extended an invitation for Shan to attend a CCC meeting.

7. SHPS Course Approval Guidelines Review consistent with Gen Ed requirements. Shan explained that SHPS is concerned about whether or not they are reviewing GenEd courses with the same interpretation of the requirements as GECC’s interpretation. Specifically, the 2 requirements: multidisciplinary and civic engagement seem to have different interpretations. SHPS wants to be consistent with GECC and align its review guidelines. When Roy returns, he can speak to the requirements. Afterwards, we need to clarify and report back to SHPS. This item will be added to the next meeting agenda.

8. Matters Arising.
Shan asked if GECC would be willing to have Chris Waters attend the next GECC meeting (March 12th) to discuss concerns arising out of HLC. Sarah recommended that Chris Waters’ attendance be postponed until the April meeting (second Thursday, April 9th) to allow for the GE Forum to share information.

Barbara apologized that she is able to attend GECC meetings only once/month.

Next GECC meeting: Thursday, March 12, 2015, 2:00-3:30pm, WSW building #3124, PHHS Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by your “Calgon, take me away!” note taker.
Elizabeth K. Collardey