General Education Curriculum Committee  
February 12, 2015  
3124 WSW -2:00 pm – 3:30 pm  
Amended February 26, 2015 _ekc

Present: Shan Parker, Kyle Manley, Cameron McLeman, Jie Li, Elizabeth Collardey, Roy Barnes, Cathy Miller, Kai McLeman (a very quiet ex officio baby)

1. Review of January 22, 2015 minutes (see GECC web site). Minutes were approved as is.

2. Updates  
   a. R Persistence: Per the email dialogue, Parker recommended that GECC invite Chris Waters to the next GECC meeting to explain how the work of HLC will impact GECC. All GECC members supported this action. Parker will extend invitation to Chris Waters.
   
   b. UNV 100--FYE course updates:  
      • Reimagining the City: SOM still needs to approve this.
      • Science, Education and Society: SEHS did not approve and provided recommendations. Dr. Wyneken has offered to collaborate with the proposer to strengthen the course.
      • Food and Culture: Collardey will check with SEHS Curriculum Committee to find out the status of this course.

3. Implementation of FYE Waiver (emailed document)  
   Barnes provided background information: When the governing faculty approved the GenEd program, they approved the waiver. Since then, there has been ongoing discussion over its implementation which has been inconsistent. Inconsistencies emerge when students graduate without having completed a UNV100 course as specified. Discussion involved how the new Grand Blanc program revealed potential inconsistency. GECC recommended adding clarifying language that “this waiver does not apply to institutional credits.” GECC endorsed the document as amended and will facilitate informing respective faculty of this protocol.

4. Ex Officio Member from Student Success Center.  
   Parker presented an email from Chris Waters proposing GECC accepting a person from the Student Success as a permanent member (requiring a change to the Faculty Code). This item is tabled until discussion of the Faculty Code.

5. Review of new proposed GE courses (GECC website)- NONE.

6. Review of non-equivalent courses (check GECC website)  
   Brittany Keranen, Social Science.  
   GECC supports the student’s petition.

7. Faculty Code alignment (see draft response to Faculty Council’s questions from Parker)
Discussion occurred over whether or not the current Faculty Code description fits with current GECC functions.

- Barnes stated it would be helpful if GECC could encourage more FYE offerings.
- McLeman recommended deleting “and capstone proposals” since these fall under Gen Ed program.
- Barnes clarified that GECC does not work directly with Academic Assessment.
- Regarding GECC’s authority, Barnes stated that since curriculum resides with the unit’s governing faculty, GECC will always be limited in its authority over GenEd. If a GenEd course is not being assessed, GECC can ask governing faculty to consider removing its university GenEd designation by a formal vote. Another limit on authority is the proliferation of many partially approved courses.
- Question arose: Is GECC purely advisory? Is the will of the governing faculty for GECC to be purely advisory?
- Parker posed question: Does GECC need a Student Success representative/member?
- Consensus was that GECC would welcome a visit from Student Success at anytime. GECC is a curriculum committee and thus representatives that are not governing faculty are outside of the Faculty Code.

8. Rescheduling GE Forum
Given time constraints during second half of the semester, discussion occurred over best way to disseminate GECC program review results. One option was to distribute a report at March governing faculty meeting with a follow-up meeting. Parker will email proposed dates and the powerpoint presentation to GECC members.

GECC Secretary ended minutes at 3:30pm needing to leave to teach a class.

SHPS Course Approval Guidelines Review…???

Matters Arising…???

Next GECC meeting: Thursday, February 26, 2015, 2:00-3:30pm, WSW building #3124, PHHS Conference Room.

Respectfully submitted by your “I’m a little bit tired” note taker.

Elizabeth K. Collardey