General Education Curriculum Committee

Minutes

January 22, 2015

Present: Sarah Lippert, Elizabeth Collardey, Kyle Manley, Jie Li (SOM Curriculum Committee), Roy Barnes, Cameron McLeman, Laura McLeman (CAS Curriculum Committee), Baby McLeman (ex officio baby), Cathy Miller, Shan Parker

Special recognition of GECC’s new chair, Dr. Shan Parker. Thank you for your service!

1. Review of January 8, 2015 minutes.
   Correction was made regarding Laura McLeman’s role as CAS Curriculum Committee member. Minutes were approved as amended by consensus.

2. Updates
   1. Update from Chris Waters on HLC Reaffirmation of Accreditation Improvement Project on Persistence and Completion.
      Parker reported that Chris will pose this question today at the HLC Committee meeting.
      Discussion:
      • The assessment tools were adequate.
      • The response to our first question regarding impact on students beyond the discipline was vague.
      • GECC approved this course.
      Discussion continued:
      How do we (GECC) distinguish this course as a Gen Ed course versus one in the major/discipline? The form needs to include a question asking proposers to specify “how does this course impact/benefit students outside of the discipline?” There remains a need to distinguish a GE social science course from a social science course in the major/discipline. Barnes stated that changes to the form are possible for Fall 2015.

      Discussion clarifying the committee’s charge for reviewing all GE courses ended with recommendations for analyzing GE course offerings by prefix to assess “efficacy”. How can the institution “streamline” the 500+ GE courses? Barnes offered one option of linking participation in GE assessment to the courses’ GE designation. If GE courses are not being assessed, then the GE designation is removed. The Committee tabled this discussion for March.

3. Planning of the Winter 2015 GE Faculty Forum (Who is responsible for which components)
   The faculty forum is scheduled for Wednesday, February 4th, from 1:30-3:00pm in Michigan Rooms A&B with light refreshments served. The agenda for the forum is:
   a. Forum Opening, Summary of purpose and reason for the forum, and Recognition of faculty’s contributions to GenEd assessment (Shan Parker)
   b. GenEd update (Laura McLeman)
   c. Summary of GELO results (Laura McLeman)
d. Summary results of Student survey (Kyle Manley)
e. Summary results of Faculty Participation survey (Shan Parker)
f. Q & A including addressing some of the qualitative comments and concerns from Faculty Participation survey (Collardey, Li)
   i. An open-ended question was included for this part of the forum: What kinds of things should we be asking of the data?
   ii. What are the obstacles to improving participation in GE assessments?

Next Steps:
- Sandy will assist with the logistic details.
- Parker will send an email reminder with the Forum’s agenda to GECC.
- Barnes will upload to Blackboard all relevant reports from previous meetings.
- Barnes will send to Parker analyses and reports on ppt slides.
- Respective GECC members will send to Parker their ppt slides by January 30th.
- Parker will collate and integrate all the ppt slides into a fabulous, cohesive whole.

4. Review of proposed GE designation for courses:
   - AFA 207 approved
   - AFA 318 approved
   - CHN109 approved
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   - FFS 310 approved
   - GER 109 approved
   - MES 310 approved
   - UNV100 Food and Culture approved
   - HCR 104 approved
   - HCR 105 approved
   - HCR 110 approved
   - HCR 111 approved
   - HCR 112 approved
   - HCR 113 approved
   - HCR 122 approved
   - AGE 390 approved
   - NSC 180 not approved given “admission to RN to BSN program required”
   - NSC420 approved

5. Review of non-equivalent courses (if any—GECC website)
   - Brittany Keranen, Social Science

   **Tabled until next meeting.**

6. SHPS Course Approval Guidelines Review and UNV100 (Reimagining the City)

   **Tabled until next meeting.**

7. Matters Arising

   Faculty Council emailed a request for GECC (and all committees) to confirm (or not that we are fulfilling our mission as specified in the Faculty Code. After a brief discussion, the Committee agreed that Parker will draft a response to the request for information, circulate it via email to the
committee, and then **once agreement has been reached, submit the response to Lois Alexander by the requested deadline of February 1st.**

8. Parker adjourned the meeting at 3:30pm

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

Respectfully submitted by your “I’m doing my happy dance to have a wonderful chair for GECC” note taker,

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