

General Education Advisory Council

Friday, September 20, 2020

10:00 am -12:00 noon via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

Present: Professor Tim Bishop, Dr. Rebecca Harris (Chair), Mr. Andrae Jones (Ex-Officio), Professor Monica Krupinski, Professor Margaret Kruger, Dr. Martin McClinton (Ex-Officio), Professor George Menacheril, Professor Randy Moffett, Dr. Katie Paschal, Professor Dani Peterson, Professor Don Ransford, Dr. Kelly Roy, Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz (Guest), Dr. Deborah Teed (Ex-Officio), Professor William Van Glabek

I. Updates

A. Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz updated the group on the One Book One College (OBOC) initiative. The film festival is on hold as a result of the pandemic. eBooks will be provided for students this semester instead of hard copies. Book selection for the upcoming year has begun with a focus on choosing a book to generate enthusiasm from a student perspective. A survey will be forthcoming. Discussion ensued regarding strengths and areas in need of change as a result of this first experience and including suggestions.

B. Dr. Rebecca Harris, Co-Chair of the QEP, shared information on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). The main focus is on transdisciplinary communication in general education. Potential areas for study by Sub-Committees include a common general education assessment, a capstone project or course, incorporating learning communities, and student research, among others. The Steering Committee is in the process of narrowing the focus. Co-Chairs will be visiting all department meetings.

C. Professor Don Ransford reported for the Curriculum Committee. Curriculum is being implemented to streamline the digital process of review and management for the committee.

II. 2020-2021

A. The membership of the committee was reviewed and discussed. All departments, QEP, OBOC, and committees are represented, including Professor Krupinski and Dr. Roy from the TLC/PD Committee. A request has been made by Academic Success to be represented as a result of the restructuring. Dr. Harris will follow up and amend the roster to ensure representation.

B. Activities from the previous year were reviewed and goals for the academic year were developed. They include:

1. Submit guidance documents for designating a course "General Education", "Writing Intensive," and "International/Diversity Focus" to Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate for review and approval.
2. Report on the study of designating a course as meeting the General Education requirement for "Oral Communication" with the intent of developing guidance documents for Curriculum Committee and Faculty Senate for review and approval.
3. In collaboration with the Learning Assessment Committee (LAC) and the Curriculum Committee, complete a General Education course and syllabus review.
4. Continued collaboration with OBOC. Prof. Ransford will continue to serve as liaison to the OBOC committee.
5. Continued collaboration with the QEP steering committee. Dr. Harris will serve as liaison to QEP.
6. Develop a plan for the faculty general education video project to increase our presence on social media.

III. GEAC PD

- A. Discussion ensued about continuing SpiritED Discussions. It was suggested that they continue.
- B. Discussion of Meeting of the Minds to review the General Education competencies occurred.

Respectfully submitted,
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