

General Education Advisory Council

Friday, October 16, 2020

10:00 am -12:00 noon via Zoom

Meeting Minutes

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

I. The meeting was called to order by Dr. Harris. A motion was made Prof. Menacheril and seconded by Dr. Krupinski to approve the Minutes of the September 18th meeting with corrections. The motion carried unanimously.

II. Updates

A. Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz updated the group on the One Book One College (OBOC) initiative. A survey requesting faculty input will be emailed. The top two books will be identified as the selections for the next two years.

B. Dr. Rebecca Harris, Co-Chair of the QEP, shared information on the Quality Enhancement Plan (QEP). Proposals for the QEP will be housed in the AA. The next steering committee is upcoming.

C. Professional Development funds have rolled over for this semester. Reach out to the Teaching and Learning Center (TLC) to request funds. The TLC is in the process of rebranding. A new logo is being developed.

D. Dr. Teed reported that Curriculog is running and documents are going through that platform currently.

E. Dr. McClinton reported that there is a lack of clarity regarding the general education requirements for the AS at the state level. A work group is working to increase clarity at this point.

III. Committee Charge and Membership

The membership and charge of the committee was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Harris reviewed the College Operating Procedure with Professor Ransford and determined that we were operating in compliance. Dr. Harris will meet with the Faculty Senate today to discuss these issues. Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz has agreed to serve as a representative of Academic Success. The department name should be updated for Communication Studies and Foreign Language.

IV. Oral Communication Recommendation

Discussion ensued regarding efforts to support schools in adjusting courses to be designated as meeting the standards of an Oral Communication course for general education purposes. Over the last two years there has been significant collaborative and interdisciplinary work to accomplish the task. Diligence in reviewing the Oral Communication rubric, offering professional development to piloting faculty, identifying an assignment for piloting, gathering and analyzing data, and discussing the process has occurred with no success. There are no implications with the State or SACSCOC. It was determined that a good faith effort had been given and this was no longer a viable option. There will be no forthcoming recommendation to include additional classes on the list of courses that meet the Oral Communication requirement. Dr. Harris will follow up with Dr. Seelau and the Curriculum Committee to ensure their awareness of this decision.

V. New Business

A. Spirit ED Discussion will occur in November. The topic will be burnout. It will be hosted by Mark Massaro. Dr. Roy suggested that a process be developed for the future to identify the host. Discussion ensued.

B. Marketing of the General Education Competencies was discussed. Suggestions were made for faculty to be videorecorded in classes where competencies are met. One video will be recorded for each competency.

C. Dr. van Gaalen will present a map of courses meeting competencies at "syllapalooza". He will highlight areas in need of change.

D. Mr. Jones introduced the need for discussion about process for course review. Is retroactive approval appropriate within the GEAC, as long as Curriculum Committee has approved the course? Discussion ensued.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:52 am.

Respectfully submitted,
Kelly Roy, Ph. D.