

General Education Advisory Council

Friday, September 16, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

ZOOM Meeting: <https://fsw.zoom.us/j/83682148782>

Minutes

Present: Prof. Dani Peterson, Dr. Joyce Rollins, Prof. Tim Bishop, Prof. Jamie Votraw, Prof. Don Ransford, Prof. Randy Moffat, Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz, Prof. William Van Glabek, Dr. Rebecca Harris, Dr. Libby Schott, Dr. Monica Krupinski, Dr. Suzanne Biedenbach

- I. Approval of Minutes from Friday, February 18, 2021
 - a. Jamie Votraw moves to approve the minutes.
 - b. Suzanne Biedenbach seconds.
 - c. Minutes approved
- II. Information Items
 - a. Membership updates: Dr. Mary Ellen Schultz will continue to represent One Book, One College; Dr. Monica Krupinski will liaise with the PD Committee.
 - b. Vacancies in Natural Science and Social Science. Prof. Peterson will reach out to those department chairs.
 - c. Members introduce themselves and their role on the committee.
- III. Action Items
 - a. GEAC Vice-Chair: Prof. Jamie Votraw is interested in serving as Vice Chair.
 - b. Goals for 2022-2023
 - i. Prof. Peterson discusses the desire to look at the charge for the committee as goals are considered for this academic year.
 - ii. Promotional Videos for General Education courses/CREATIVE outcomes
 1. Prof. Peterson and Prof. Ransford discuss the origins and progress of this initiative.
 2. Videos geared at students that might cross the courses that students take.
 3. Dr. Schott mentions that you can put videos in Simple Syllabus in Canvas. You could attach a video to the outcomes in each syllabus. Simple Syllabus has been purchased and they are looking to implement it by summer.
 - iii. General Education/Assessment Glossary of Frequently used Terms
 1. Prof. Ransford suggests live links to terms that might be unfamiliar to readers in assessment and curriculum.
 2. Prof. Peterson agrees that this is a good idea. She will reach out to Joe Van Gaalen.
 - iv. Revival of *Spirit-ED Discussions* (?)

1. Prof. Peterson really enjoyed these events and would like to revive them. Prof. Ransford agrees.
- v. Review process for General Education, International, Diversity, Writing Intensive Courses (Curriculum Process)
 1. The new I/D designation will be updated via memo through Curriculum rather than going individually.
- vi. Other goals
 1. Prof. Votraw suggests a review of the current general education courses and the relationship to the outcomes and competencies. Prof. Peterson suggests we come up with a method to review the general education courses. Prof. Ransford suggests having a meeting to essentially train and norm in the review of the syllabi, then break into smaller groups. Prof. Peterson agrees and suggests the October or November meeting for this task.
 - a. Prof. Peterson suggests that this be our first priority in terms of goals.
 2. Prof. Ransford mentions the AACU Institute on ePortfolios and the usefulness to students in the A.A. (Cornerstone-to-Capstone) as well as in the professional programs. The President would need to agree and then five people from the college would participate in the Institute (\$5000). Deadline for the application this year is October 12. Prof. Peterson mentions the relationship to badges; eLearning is preparing for badges, both from the state and from FSW. Dr. Biedenbach updates on the badges from the state and how Badgr will work through eLearning. This could be connected to an ePortfolio.
 - a. Prof. Ransford suggests we investigate the current status of Portfolum/ePortfolios and Badgr before moving forward with the institute.
 - b. Prof. Peterson suggests bringing someone from eLearning to come talk about the portfolio and badging process.
 - c. Dr. Biedenbach shares that if anyone wants to check out the communications badge module, you can find it on the Canvas Commons if you search, "Fundamentals of Written Communication." There is an explanation for how students can access and use the badges.

IV. Reports / Updates from Departments or Committees

a. OBOC

- i. Richard Blanco will be here 10/5 at 6PM via Zoom and in J-103 on the Lee Campus. Dr. Schultz mentions how well Dr. Jett is doing in getting exciting and engaging events through OBOC.
- ii. Prof. Ransford mentions some changes to OBOC that are under consideration, including moving to a Theme rather than one book.

b. QEP

- i. Dr. Harris reminds every one that the applications for next Faculty Cohort are due Friday, September 16.
 - ii. She also promotes the first Behind the Research Panel on 9/28 at 2:30 PM on “Ancestry and Genealogy.”
 - c. Other updates
 - i. Curriculum Committee from Prof. Peterson: The new I/D designation will be updated via memo through Curriculum rather than going individually.
- V. New Business
 - a. Other than the goals discussed above and identified as priorities, no new business.
 - b. Prof. Peterson suggests for the next meeting we have the workshop on the general education review.
 - c. Prof. Ransford suggests bringing Dr. Teed to the next GEAC meeting for an update on the Flex model and Oral Communication.
 - i. Prof. Votraw mentions the pathways that include speech courses, as well as one of the prerequisites for the CREATIVE Capstone.
- VI. Prof. Moffat moves to adjourn, second by Prof. Bishop. Meeting adjourned at 11:09AM.

Upcoming Meetings

October 21

November 18

January 20

February 17

April 21

(March 17 is during Spring Break; that meeting may be rescheduled if needed.)