**General Education Advisory Council**

Friday, November 17th, 2017

2:00-3:00PM

Thomas Edison (Lee) Campus: U-102

Collier: M-201

**Minutes**

Attendees: Professor Don Ransford, Dr. Rebecca Harris, Dr. Brian Page, Professor Jane Charles, Professor Bill Van Glabek, Professor Erik Fay, Dr. Kelly Roy, Dr. Martin McClinton, Professor Sindee Karpel

Absent: Professor Myra Walters, Dr. Eileen DeLuca, Dr. Deborah Teed, Dr. Wendy Chase

1. The Chair announced that the proposals for the changes to the FSW General Education requirements and program developed during the summer were withdrawn from the Curriculum Committee agenda. This action was prompted by concerns voiced by faculty and staff who felt that more time was needed to determine the potential impacts on degree programs and students. A discussion of possible next steps will take place at the January, 2018 meeting.

2. October 20th minutes were approved.

3. There was no new information to share about the *American Sign Language* course.

4. The members of the committee narrowed the list of possible readings for the *One Book – One College* event down to three. Dr. Harris is handing operations over to Whitney Rhyne, Director for Strategic Initiatives. The foundation will likely help fundraise for the book.

5. Dr. Page reported on the state-wide committee concerning the Civics Literacy requirements. (Dr. Baltodano is FSW’s representative on the committee). The idea of an online module was rejected. Students will need to take a class or take the test to opt out.

6. Names were assigned to each of the subcommittees reviewing the process for determining courses with special designations on a volunteer basis or by recommendation.

* + 1. General Education – Erik Fay, Bill Van Glabek, Dr. McClinton
		2. General Education Core – The same as General Education
		3. Writing Intensive – Brian Page, Rebecca Harris, Wendy Chase, Jane Charles
		4. International or Diversity Focus – Bruno Baltadano, Wendy Chase, Emily Porter, Dr. DeLuca
		5. Oral Communications – Myra Hale and other speech faculty, Sindee Karpel, Kelly Roy

Members of the subcommittee will research general education guidelines, requirements, and criteria at other peer and aspirational institutions. It was mentioned that Broward has an unusual/innovative approach.

Writing intensive and writing across the curriculum could potentially have a rubric to fill out.

Dr. Harris mentions St. Petersburg College’s “Learning Communities” as one model.

Northwest Florida State College has an interesting “Speaking Across the Curriculum” effort.

GEAC will work in teams to develop guidelines for criteria to recommend to Faculty Senate and the Curriculum Committee.

7. Marketing Campaign

The council will continue to review ways to market the general education competencies and programs. Dr. Harris suggested infographics to display on the screens.