

General Education Committee: Minutes

Thursday, September 17, 2015
Lunn Conference Room
Dr. Cindy Peterson, Chair

Voting Members Present: Scott Koeneman, *Behavioral Science & Counseling*; Nancy Damron, *Education*; Elizabeth George, *History*; Brad King, *Health & Exercise Science*; Dave Wegley, *Business* **Absent:** Mark Brown, *Mathematics* (HAAC meeting)

Non-voting Members Present: Mark Hayse, *Christian Ministry & Formation/Honor's Program*; Janell Kellum, *Registrar*

Call to Order – Welcome – Prayer @ 3:05 pm Dr. Cindy Peterson

Old Business: Approved minutes of last F2F meeting – April 17, 2015 (available in folder on Moodle);

ACTION ITEMS: :

No proposals

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

1. Continued review of the outcomes for alignment with the University/Strategic Plan. Appoint subcommittee for recommendations.
 - Question was asked: Shouldn't we do this before we decide on the jr. comp (item #2)?
 - A motion was made by Nancy Damron to discontinue discussion about the jr. comp until outcomes are established. Second by Elizabeth George. Motion carried after clarification about points below:
 - Are we measuring curriculum/content or trying to include dispositions?
 - Can we group cognitive outcomes under one statement?

- Further discussion following the vote:
 - Can we add assessments for these dispositions? Autobiographical narrative/portfolio/co-curriculum assessment?
 - Education movement: connative and cognitive (hard and soft skills).
 - What about transfers?
 - Consider a vertically aligned experience throughout their career – Transformational themes. Enduring understandings.
 - What is the big picture? Broad ideas?
 - Service learning? Study abroad? An experience in every major that counts toward general education.
 - Honors uses a service point system/education uses community service/ministry uses community practicums
 - Add piece to sr. comps that integrates missional transformational evidence.
 - 21st century skills pragmatic approach

- Everyone owns the gen ed.
- Integrate with Center for Vocation/Calling -
- Use Christian Ministry & Formation as a resource.

- **Looking ahead to the Oct. 8 meeting:** Start with new gen ed catalog statement and work from there for broad themes/understandings. Take advantage of our position/committee to create an academic identity that permeates the curriculum/co-curriculum. Invite Rick Hanson to join if he is available.

2. Replacement for Jr. Comp & Spiritual Formation assessment (NSSE, GMC) Appoint a subcommittee for recommendations. (Table until the outcomes are set.)

- This item was tabled until the outcomes are determined.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

1. Reminder that all General Education committee meetings are open to any interested faculty or program representative.
2. 2015-16 meeting schedule (in Lunn unless notified otherwise):
 - Thur. Oct. 08 3:00 pm
 - Thur. Nov. 05 3:00 pm
 - Potential Dec. 3/Jan meeting if needed for late additions to catalog
 - Thur. Feb. 11 3:00 pm
 - Thur. Mar. 03 (HLC) time TBD
 - Thur. Apr. 07 3:00 pm

There was no new business

Adjournment @ 4:10 pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Cindy Peterson