

General Education Committee: Minutes Thursday, March 3, 2016

3:00 pm Lunn Conference Room
Dr. Cindy Peterson, Chair

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

Non-voting Members: Mark Hayse, *Christian Ministry & Formation/Honor's Program*; Lauren Hays, *Learning Commons*; Janell Kellum/Sarah Neufeld, *Registrar*

Call to Order – Welcome – Prayer Dr. Cindy Peterson

Old Business: Approved minutes of February 11, 2016 meeting (in folder on Moodle).

ACTION ITEMS:

No proposals

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Prep for HLC assessment: Why didn't we use the data from the Jr. comps? How will we fix that going forward? What is our plan?

Overview by Pat Walsh. Perceptions about what the committee might ask. Brad King spoke to his position of longevity and the lack of motivation for students to take the test. Results and alignment were not found to be strong with gen ed outcomes.

Need an assessment discussion with CM&F. Make sure everyone is all on board with the goal of the instrument. What are we testing? Are we teaching to the test? Or testing what we actually teach? Can we align the instruments with course syllabus?

What evidence can we request from departments? Give strong leadership but not authoritative. Send a formal proposal that lists formal learning outcomes and syllabi.

Approach to current CM&F instrument wasn't vetted well. Doesn't reflect a well thought out process.

More than aspirational. Using FOE process to build on the assessment plan.

HLC might ask about the multiple gen eds across schools. Rationale needs to be clear.

Committee members will attend as many of the sessions as possible and speak with confidence!

New Business?

Adjournment 4:05 pm