

## **General Education Committee: Minutes**

Thursday, April 14, 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 Present:** Mark Hayse (absent), *Christian Ministry & Formation/Honor's Program*; Lauren Hays, *Learning Commons*; Janell Kellum/Sarah Neufeld (absent), *Registrar*

**Call to Order – Welcome – Prayer:** Dr. Cindy Peterson @ 3:10 pm

**Old Business:** Approved minutes of March 3, 2016 meeting (in folder on Moodle).

### **ACTION ITEMS:**

Request from registrar to make a policy/statement regarding gen ed for students w/ majors in different schools – i.e. a double major in Communication/Ministry or Behavioral Science/Physical Education. Which gen ed applies? Who decides/ what are the criteria?

### **Discussion:**

- Difference in level of competency: go with the higher level – unless the requirement has already been fulfilled.
- If a student has fulfilled the requirement/outcome under a different gen ed, that will stand ( e.g., Taking *Discovering the Bible* for 4 credits and switching to a major that requires 6 credits of Bible).
- Courses required for accreditation/licensure must be done
- The academic advisors for the content areas must collaborate on the requirements.
- Consider individual cases.
- Gen Ed committee will review cases if needed.

This isn't a situation that should occur frequently. The committee recommends the above actions as guidelines. It is impossible to create "if/then" statements for all circumstances. We are open to further discussion if necessary.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Follow-up to last meeting –FOE recommendations for report.
  - Reviewed the Learning Dimension questions/responses and suggested recommendations. The chair will take the recommendations and compile the report for the FOE Steering Committee meeting on Friday, 4/15. See report on General Education Moodle site.
2. HLC visit team report by Friday. Waiting on the report. Will notify when information is available.
3. Decision on priorities: outcomes or assessment for gen ed?
  - Decision to look at outcomes before moving forward on a gen ed assessment.

- Preliminary faculty surveys and research/alignment with the Strategic Plan has already been done.
  - Assign small groups/content areas to look at the outcome associated with their discipline and revise/suggest changes.
  - Because each school has a different gen ed – there may be differences in what is considered success in meeting an outcome.
4. Potential gen ed assessments:
- Pilot the ETS instrument in a few classes to get a feel for how it might work on a larger scale.
  - Follow up with CM&F about their progress on a spiritual formation assessment.
5. May meeting: Schedule a meeting the week after graduation to follow up and decide agenda for fall, 2016.

**There being no new business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 pm**