

**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
Minutes for Meeting #5 – December 21, 2015**

- 1. The meeting was called to order at 1:06 p.m.** on Monday, December 21, 2015 in Library Conference Room A, Chairperson Kinnie presiding.

The following members were present: Professors Bide, Boudreaux-Bartels, DeCesare, Irvine, Mead, Orr, Stout, and Vice Provost Beauvais.

The following members were absent: Professors Buxton, Echevarria, Lloyd, and Williams; Dean Richmond, and Ms. Boyd-Colvin.

Guests in attendance: Director Swift, Professors Derbyshire, Goldsmith, Honhart, and Reynolds.

- 2.** Minutes of GE Committee Meeting #4, December 3, 2015 were approved.

- 3. Announcements and Reports**

Chairperson Kinnie announced that Professor Reynolds had agreed to chair the Writing Effectively (general education outcome) course approval panel. Announcement of the new Chair of the Arts and Design panel was pending.

- 4. Ongoing Business**

- a.** Chairperson Kinnie said that the Information Literacy panel intended to work over the Winter session.
- b.** The Committee discussed the status of courses that had been rejected by an outcome panel (initially discussed at the December 3, 2015 GEC meeting). The proposer of FRN 304 (rejected by the Cultural Competency panel) received a rubric from an approved course in Cultural Competency. The faculty proposer was expected to resubmit the course. The Cultural Competency panel requested revisions from the faculty proposer of CHN 306.

The status of CSC 101G and PSC 116G, rejected by Grand Challenge (overlay) panel, was unchanged. Vice Provost Beauvais, Chair of the Grand Challenge panel, and Chairperson Kinnie said that they would follow up on these courses.

Professor Bide, Chair of the Global Responsibilities panel, expressed his concern about the applicability of 4 courses to the Global outcome. Committee members reviewed the templates and syllabi of the courses in question. Suggestions were made for providing feedback and soliciting information from the faculty proposers that would enable the panel to better assess the fit of the courses to the outcome.

5. Director Swift and Professors Goldsmith and Honhart joined the meeting at 1:30 PM to discuss ongoing implementation issues. Director Swift provided Committee members with draft versions of documents outlining procedures for panel reviews and for appeals of panel decisions. Discussion followed. Director Swift recommended that, once finalized, the documents be made available on the general education implementation website for reference for faculty proposers. The Committee discussed the criteria for qualifying as a Grand Challenge course with the Director. It was suggested that an FAQ page be developed for Grand Challenge courses to assist faculty. The Committee discussed the impact of changing the name of the Cultural Competency rubric and addressed the status of the development of the Integrative rubric. Director Swift reported that a search committee for the General Education Director would likely convene in February; the new director would likely start in June. Efforts are underway by the Provost's Office to appoint an interim director. Director Swift said that she and Senator Mead planned to continue to work on the development of the permanent general education website.

Director Swift and Professors Goldsmith and Honhart left the meeting at 2:15 PM.

4. The Committee resumed Ongoing Business.
 - c. Discussion resumed about the processing of courses for the Global outcome.
 - d. Discussion continued about Grand Challenge courses. The Committee debated whether or not a course, proposed and approved for two outcomes and subsequently re-proposed as a Grand Challenge course, requires re-approval again by the two outcomes panels. Senator Boudreaux-Bartels made the point that one would expect the syllabus to be different in order to incorporate Grand Challenge work.
 - e. The Committee discussed the development of the Integrative rubric. Professor Orr said that the Integrative outcome panel would be meeting before the next General Education Committee meeting, scheduled for January 7, and she expected the rubric to be completed by then.
 - f. The Committee discussed the question of allowing a general education course to restrict enrollment to its majors only through the pre-requisite statement. The

Committee agreed that this would contradict the new program stipulation that majors may not require specific courses as general education courses.

- g.** Chairperson Kinnie reported that the Chair of the subcommittee on General Education Assessment (SAGE), Professor McGlasson, was trying to schedule a meeting of the group.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

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