

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 16, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 4:03 PM.

Members Present: Carolyn Hough, Nathan Frank, John Pfautz, Rowen Schusheim-Anderson, Janene Finley, Lendol Calder, Meg Gillette, Mike Egan, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Katie Hanson, Brian Katz, Eric Pitts (SGA), Danica Gray (SGA)

Absent: Stefanie Bluemle, Rick Jaeschke, Jacob McManus (SGA)

Guests Present: Christina Myatt

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion- Brian Katz moved **“to approve the minutes of the October 9th meeting as submitted.”**

Mike Egan seconded.

As there was no discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 9TH MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

Christina Myatt will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from Academic Affairs

Jeff reported that as students are registering for classes it has become apparent that about 200 seniors still need LCs to graduate.

There are maybe four LCs available that do not include study abroad and/or pre requisites.

John and Rowen have added a second section of their LC, which is already full.

This presents two problems

1. A requirement that can only be met with certain pre requisites
2. Not setting too many parameters

Departments may get some requests from the Dean about ways to generate additional LCs.

Historically, this has been an issue. In 2006-2007, there were not enough LCs and the requirement was waived for graduation.

Panic level is high.

The current plan is to try and shake the bushes for additional LCs.

Gen Ed might need to look at ways to stimulate the creation of new LCs. Perhaps a new speed dating thing again to highlight possible matches.

The question was asked if Gen Ed needs to look at whether we keep that requirement?

Major obstacles:

1. Lack of faculty by in
2. Lack of room in load
3. Daunting amount of perceived workload

Greatest number of potential graduates in the majors of Biology, psychology, and computer science

The question was raised about the possibility of non-sequential LCs. It was noted that this is

allowed for in Evergreen 2.

Discussion about Faculty attitudes towards LCs ensued. It was felt that there is a minority of very strong voices; the majority is kind of meh.

2. Meeting Location Change

Mike Egan moved **“to change the location of the Gen Ed Committee Meetings to Evald Hall beginning Week One of Winter Term.”**

Katie Hansen seconded.

Discussion ensued. Mike would take the responsibility of getting the room reserved. If Evald was not available, we would next try Old Main. Carolyn will make sure that food gets delivered to new meeting location.

There being no additional discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO CHANGE THE LOCATION OF GEN ED MEETINGS TO EVALD HALL BEGINNING WEEK ONE OF WINTER TERM.

III. OLD BUSINESS

The meeting adjourned to small groups to continue the AGES update and guiding questions discussions.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, October 23 at 4:00 PM. At this meeting, we will once again break up into our three subcommittees. Looking ahead, we will regroup as a full committee Week Ten. We will have a course proposal to look at that week as well.

Agenda, minutes and any other supporting materials will be available by Friday before the meeting.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 5:02 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt