

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 30, 2013

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

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

Absent: Jacob McManus (SGA)

Guests Present: Christina Myatt

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion- Brian Katz moved **“to approve the minutes of the October 23rd meeting as submitted.”**

Mike Egan seconded.

As there was no discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF OCTOBER 23RD MEETING AS SUBMITTED.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

A. Approval of Consent Agenda

The consent agenda consisted of the approval of PP Learning Perspective for THEA 341 (Popple).

A consent vote was taken.

CONSENT AGENDA PASSED.

B. PH Learning perspective Approval for THEA 343 (Popple)

This proposal was removed from the consent agenda. Discussion regarding the course ensued. The general feeling of the committee was that they needed to see some of the “prompts” mentioned in the application and that the syllabus needed to match the course description that had been submitted.

At this time, the committee decided to send the proposal back for revisions.

MOTION FOR PH LEARNING PERSPECTIVE APPROVAL FOR THEA 343 (POPPLER) FAILED.

C. Update from Academic Affairs

There was discussion on the lingering question of LC classes. There are approximately 70 students who won't have an LC available to them. Pareena is in discussion with two people about adding LCs. The next step will be to work with the registrar's office to make sure those who need it get it first.

There will be a Strategic Planning discussion on Friday, November 8. Several members of the Gen Ed committee were asked to be there.

Many people are asking about LCs. Some still believe they are going away. Some kind of matching event may be helpful.

It was asked if there are there any “carrots” for LCs. They do exist and Jeff will put on the Google Drive to help sell them to faculty.

Jeff discussed the new stipend policy. A new LC is \$170 per credit hour- \$510 for a 3 credit course. It is \$110 per credit hour for a continuing LC, and there is the possibility of a \$70 per

credit assessment mini grant.

III. OLD BUSINESS

Sub-Committee Reports re: AGES update and guiding questions

Over the next term, the first two meetings will be approving LCs and LSFYs. We need to get everything done in the first two weeks so we can move onto bigger issues. The goal is to have a document to circulate to full faculty on week 5 or 6. This is an update to AGES, not a complete overhaul. It should provide the opportunity to discuss some of the issues and this notion of greater integration of learning. It may also indicate the future direction for Gen Ed.

ICC Sub Committee- Mike Egan

The subcommittee has put together a proposal for what ICC will look like; the second document created is more of a lengthy rationale. The proposal would require two ICC courses. Rather than US and Global Diversity., we will use the terms ICCX and ICCA. One of the two required courses would need to be an ICCX which is experiential based.

Academic coursework is the best chance to push the envelope in looking at the world in a different way. The struggle is in defining the difference. We will continue discussion as it has highlighted some of the revisions the committee wants to make. It was discussed that perhaps merging the two documents was the best course of action.

LC Sub Committee- Carolyn Hough

It is the sub committee's belief that students might also meet the integrative learning through experience rather than community. The question was posed as to whether we feel comfortable about interactive without community. It was noted that are many opportunities for integrative learning that don't include communities.

The proposal would include a reflective component. Perhaps using the ARCH model and having students create a co-curricular portfolio.

LCs have often been misunderstood, moving toward a revised and expanded definition so they are more integrative and more people can participate.

LP Sub Committee- Brian Katz

Time was running short. Brian stated that the sub-committee needs everyone to read their proposal on the Google Drive and provide input.

General Questions

It was asked if the document we are creating should just troubleshoot AGES or should it also look to the future?

There were some questions about the process of submitting the proposal. Carolyn stated that the committee needs to approve the document. Once that happens, it will go to the full faculty.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, November 20 at 4:00 PM in Evald 305. 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 5:05 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt