

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

September 18, 2013

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

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

Absent: Rowen Schussheim-Anderson, Lendol Calder, Jacob McManus (SGA)

Guests Present: Kristen Douglas, Christina Myatt

I. Approval of Minutes

Motion- John Pfautz moved **“to approve the minutes of the September 11th meeting as submitted.”**

Janene Finley seconded.

As we are recording members who are absent, we need to add Jacob McManus, our third student representative. There were no other corrections. A vote was taken.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11TH MEETING WITH THE ABOVE NOTED CORRECTION.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. *Update from Academic Affairs*

Jeff asked that we encourage folks to go to Symposium Day. First year students especially don't know what the day is, why we have it. Please talk it up in classes and with colleagues.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. **Discuss Petition for reconsideration of a G Suffix for CLAS 328**

The spirit of the committee is to work with people to make things work.

Background-The Gen Ed Committee received feedback from the Classics Department, feedback was solicited from all members of the Gen Ed Committee. Some members sent feedback to all, some sent feedback directly to Carolyn Hough.

Discussion ensued.

As a committee, we have reviewed the proposal as written, have not passed the motion to grant a G suffix, will give feedback and then they can resubmit.

Suggestion: Can they speak to the fourth learning objective listed in the description of a G classification?

Part of the problem is the troubled past of G and D.

The terminology once used was West/ Non West. As terms became problematic, it developed into US and non US.

The G suffix should speak to building skills to be responsible globally aware citizens. How will students get to that place? We need to be concerned with more than content. We need to be concerned with student learning.

While the committee felt that the G suffix type discussions could happen they are not necessarily the focus of the course.

The reflective essay addresses the G suffix goals. But it also answers the requirements of

the learning perspective. Is one assignment enough to convey both a suffix and a learning perspective?

Can assignments be changed to reflect the goals of the suffix?

We would need to see something different in order to react differently.

It was expressed that in looking at a G suffix, one should start with global and then use their subject matter as a lens rather than the other way around.

It was questioned if it is worth their time to resubmit with ICC on the horizon? This course will not be offered again this year. The recommendation was that they probably should as changes will be grandfathered in so some students will still need the G.

Carolyn Hough will put the feedback together and send off to the Classics Department.

2. Discuss AGES and Student learning Outcomes/Assessment

We need to figure out a structure for breaking this down and moving forward.

Carolyn Hough distributed a subcommittee structure proposal.

It was felt that perhaps we need to focus more on the first two items (ICC and LCs) and then the last two(LPs) are simpler "tweaks".

It was the general feeling of the committee that three subcommittees would work better as we should consider all LPs together.

It was the consensus of the group that we would like for subcommittees to come back periodically to receive full group input.

The following schedule was selected:

Weeks 5 & 6- subcommittees will meet

Week 7- full committee will meet and share work

Weeks 8 &9- subcommittees will meet

Week 10- full committee will meet and share work

This will be reassessed in Week 7 as begin to move towards the proposals which the committee needs to have completed by Week 6 of Winter term.

Subcommittees were assigned.

ICC- Rick, Jeff, Rowen, Eric, Mike (convener)

LC- Janene, Carolyn (convener), Stefanie, John , Katie

LPS- Nathan, Brian (convener), Danica, Lendol , Meg

It was decided that each meeting will start out with everyone together in order to approve minutes and share any needed information and then we would divide into the subcommittees.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENT

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, September 25 at 4:00 PM.

Agenda, minutes and any other supporting materials will be available in Google Docs and committee members will be informed when they have been added.

V. ADJOURNMENT

There being no additional business the meeting was adjourned at 4:58 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt