General Education Committee  
Meeting Minutes  

Date: September 26, 2014  

Committee Members Present: Lynda Robinson, Edris Montalvo, Yingqin Liu, Yanjun Zhao, Sarah Janda, Matt Van Sant, Syed Ahmed, Karla Oty, Ahdul Sukar, Kerri Stephens, Kirsten Underwood, and Loree Gaines  

Meeting was called to order at 12:31 PM.  

1. Minutes from August 15, 2014 meeting were read and approved after minor corrections.  

2. In instances where General Education spans a wide variety of academic disciplines, a coordinator will be needed to collect the data and enter the consolidated data in WEAVE. Dr. Vanderslice named the coordinators for Diversity, Aesthetics, and Economics. For the other areas in multiple departments – Biological Sciences, Physical Sciences, and Behavioral Sciences - the coordinator will be selected by the Chairs of the departments involved. When the General Education assessment involves only one department, the Chair of that department will assign a person in their department to enter the data in WEAVE.  

3. The General Education Committee (GEC) will review General Education courses that have not submitted assessment data within the last five (5) years. The GEC will determine if this course is applicable for the General Education curriculum and then submit a recommendation to VPAA Vanderslice on whether to keep the course as a General Education course or not. October 24, 2014 is the deadline for General Education data submission for 2013 – 2014.  

4. The Department Chairs will contact their assigned GEC member if they need help with data collection and submission. The GEC representative is to be used as a resource to the departments.  

5. The IDEA report that was discussed at the last meeting will no longer be provided. We will be using the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE). There are some challenges with the NSSE.  
   a. It is an indirect measure because students say how well they think they are doing.  
   b. It does not cover all General Education topics. For instance it does not cover information literacy, aesthetics, or wellness.  
   Because of this the GEC needs to:  
   a. Either research a new survey method or create one in-house. If the GEC does generate their own questions, they will need to write three (3) questions using a five-point likert scale.  
   b. The GEC will need to check with applicable departments to see how they would implement these additional questions.  
   Dr. Oty suggested we should look at the NSSE results and we need to determine proper wording of additional questions.
6. Dr. Hodgson, Chair of the Department of English and Foreign Languages brought in their new Information Literacy Assessment for both ENGL 1113 and ENGL 1212. Their plan is to have the assessment done outside of class. The topic of the assessment may be chosen by either the instructor or the student. Students get to choose their sources but the sources to be either from scholarly textbooks or articles from peer-reviewed journals published within the last five years. The assessment will then be submitted through SafeAssign. As presented by Dr. Hodgson, students were assessed on three separate sources, but the GEC suggested they just do one source from the student’s annotated bibliography to keep from averaging the data.

7. The request to remove the prerequisite of “one year of high school algebra or equivalent” for PSCI 1054 (General Physical Science) was approved by the GEC via e-mail vote.

8. The request to change the prerequisite from “MATH 1613 or 1715” to MATH 1613 or higher” in PHYS 1115 was tabled until the October 2014 meeting.

9. The request to change the Course Title and Description for ECON 2013 was approved by the GEC. ECON 2013 is now Principles of Macroeconomics. Its description is: An introduction to, and analysis of, the basic principles of supply and demand; national income accounting; business cycle; inflation; unemployment; determinants of the level of output; employment; prices; money and banking; monetary and fiscal policies; economic growth; international trade; and finance. Lecture 3 hours. The request to change the Course Title for ECON 2023 was approved by the GEC. ECON 2023 is now Principles of Microeconomics.

10. New Business: None.

11. Next Meeting: October 31, 2014 at 12:30 PM.

12. Adjourned at 1:45 PM.