General Education Committee Minutes November 5, 2018

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Morgan Bliss, Becky Pearson, John Bowen, Carey Gazis, Thomas Tenerelli, Tim Hargrave, Jill Hoxmeier, Laurie Moshier, Stephanie Hubbard, Lizzie Brown

Absent: Jeff Dippmann (excused)

Guest(s): Amy Claridge

Meeting called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Cynthia moved to approve the October 29, 2018 minutes. Jill seconded and minutes were approved.

Chair update – Becky reported that the general education motions were delayed to November 14. The special meeting will only be about general education. There were concerns expressed at the October 31 meeting. Most of the concerns were are around the budget, but there is still an undercurrent of wanting to change things within the program. There are those who want to delay to 2020. The committee talked about potential changes in the documents that are before Senate.

The committee talked about policy/rules documents. Committee discussed the timeline for course structural changes.

No student petitions.

Potential changes to GE documents – The committee discussed the concern around requiring a 2/3 super majority vote at Faculty Senate for changes for structural changes. The committee voted to leave the 2/3 super majority vote, but added that there be two readings of changes. 6 yes, 1 no, 1 abstention.

Another issue is that a student could make it through the program within 1 college. The current modeling indicates that is currently not possible. However, could this happen in the future. Committee decided this is not a problem at this time. This is intentional as it allows a student to select courses from areas they are interested in as long as they are meeting the outcomes. Performance based Gen Ed, rather than a current very structured GE program.

The committee added a rule around Academic Writing II that it needs to be completed by the time by the time a student completes 90 credits.

Meeting adjourned at 5:09 p.m.