

General Education Committee
April 1, 2019
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Jeff Dippmann, Morgan Bliss, Becky Pearson, John Bowen, Carey Gazis, Thomas Tenerelli, Tim Hargrave, Jill Hoxmeier, Laurie Moshier, Jason White, Bill Schaffer, Lizzie Brown and Mike Gimlin

Absent: Provost Representative

Guest(s): Gene Shoda and Nichol Hibbard

Meeting was called to order at 3:04 p.m.

John moved to approve the March 11, 2019 minutes. Morgan seconded and minutes were approved.

Chair update – Becky reported that there has been a lot of web content development. The webpage is scheduled to go live next week, but will continue to be a work in process. Becky received approval to use the Bouillon kiosk as a GE outreach. Becky will be there this week Tuesday 12-2 and Thursday 11-1. . Becky met with Bernadette last week about preplanning for assessment. They are looking at inviting UNIV 101 instructors to participate in assessment of the current program to get a baseline sense of syllabi, signature assignments, and outcomes for assignments, opportunities to meet them. Input for future planning and talk to use around student readiness issues, supports needed, inform thinking about data points might be able to compare from past UNIV 101 and future UNIV 101. They are looking at inviting all faculty teaching current GE courses to offer an opportunity to provide a signature project to 10 students this spring. Invite all faculty teaching current GE that are now in AWII, CCC, PNW components in a focus group, preplanning workshops and discussion to jumpstart the assessment process.

Lizzie suggested possibly assessing GE at the program level.

First Year Experience waiver - Becky talked with the committee about the two motions GEC put forward to Faculty Senate around the waiver of students with 60 credits or move from having to take the 184 courses. With the number of sections, and potential incoming students it is problematic to offer the courses needed for the current cut off of 60 credits. Recommend changing to 45 credits in progress. It was suggested that maybe need smaller waitlist for these courses.

Cynthia moved to amend the previous language for waiving the 184 courses to change to 45 credit hours in progress for current students and to 45 credit hours completed for transfer students. John seconded. Motion was approved, with one abstention.

Enrollment strategy for 184 - One potential could be that all seats are reserved for first year freshman. Then open it up to everyone in winter and spring.

184 title concern - A concern has been brought forward regarding the BIOL 184 sub-topic of Climate Change: Are we screwed? It is felt that this is profanity and inappropriate for a course title. Becky will contact the faculty member to let them know the deadline for such comments has passed and encourage them to speak with the department.

Gene & Nichol website and switch tool update – Both the switch tool and the website will be available next week. Nichol presented the background information that will be within the switch tool on MyCWU. Gene demonstrated what the switch tool looks like in MyCWU and the draft of the website.

CWUP 5-100-060

Pat McCutcheon brought forward a concern at faculty senate meeting around the policy 5-100-060 and that it seems punitive. This will be discussed at a future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.