

General Education Committee
November 4, 2019
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Becky Pearson, A.I. Ross, Carey Gazis, Karisa Terry, Victoria Flanagan, Michel O'Brien, Mike Gimlin, Lizzie Brown, and Greg Lyman.

Absent: Shaffer Claridge, Joshua Buchanan, Christopher King, Bernadette Jungblut and Gail Mackin.

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:13 p.m.

Maura moved to approve the October 28, 2019 minutes. Michael seconded and minutes were approved.

Chair update – Becky spoke with the Provost about the strategic initiative proposal. After talking with Dan. Kathy Whitcomb indicated the original proposal was not a possibility right now. Becky requested \$8,365 in funds. This includes \$2,000 for faculty fellow stipends for next year, \$2,500 for outreach materials and branding, \$2,600 for light refreshments for series of 15 events over the year with students.

PADstone course caps – A.I. moved to postpone discussion until Shaffer is present. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Greg brought back feedback from the Executive Committee had about the PADstone name. They are suggesting to make change the framework to Explore & Engage instead of the changing the name of the 184 course.

Culminating Experience - The committee discussed the number of students who may be in need of a Culminating Experience course (CE) for graduation this year. Michael moved to waive the caps for non-major CE courses for 19-20. Teri seconded. The committee discussed how this rule was made and why. Carey indicated she would be in favor of allowing for substitutions for the courses that are currently being reviewed. Motion passed with 1 nay.

Michael moved that departments with a GE CE courses in the proposal pipeline, that is already being taught this year, be accepted this year as meeting GE CE requirements. Carey seconded. Motion failed. 1 abstention.

Meeting moved to subgroups at 3:58 p.m.

Curriculum and Assessment Subcommittee

The subgroup met in their review groups to go over the assigned student petitions.

Cynthia asked that next year the subtopic proposal process be strengthened and maybe include the 184 outcomes and assessments and originators can input their course activities.

Student petitions

Michael moved to recommend approval of ENG 106 as K5 (Humanities) and that this be considered a rule; recommend denying HHS 231 for K6 (Individual & Society); and recommend approval of ECE 111 for K8 (Science & Technology) with no rule. Cynthia seconded and motion was approved.

Teri moved to recommend approval of EFC 210 & ECF 310 for K2 (Community, Culture, & Citizenship) and pathways P1 (Civic & Community Engagement), P4 (Social Justice) and P6 (Ways of Knowing) with no rule; approval of AAST 214 for K5 (Humanities) with no rule; and to deny IT 487 based on exclusion of GE in any of the proposal and has different course outcomes than what is in the catalog. Cynthia seconded

Meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Coordination and Management Subcommittee

No notes.