General Education Committee Curriculum and Assessment November 16, 2020 Minutes

Present: Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Becky Pearson, Emily Arras, Bernadette Jungblut, Jason White, Mike Gimlin, Greg Lyman, and Meagan McConnell.

Absent: Cynthia Pengilly

Guest(s): None

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

Michael moved to approve the November 9, 2020 minutes with the correction from ACT to ACCT on student petition 10-26-20.5b. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Chair update – Becky met with the Provost last week. Provost brought up the MOU and then Becky shared the General Education structure draft document. Becky reported that the rejection to CMGT 101 was not taken well. Becky has offered to meet with Warren with one or more of the committee members to talk about suggestions for future proposals.

Student petitions

Michael moved approve or deny the student petitions as indicated:

11-9-20.2b NUTR 100 recommend to deny

11-9-20.3 JAMM 100 recommend to approve for K2, P3, 11-920.4a ENG K5, P6 recommend to approve 11-9-20.4b GEOG 105 K6, P4 recommend to approve.

Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Tim moved to deny 11-9-20.1 CWID 101 deny and 11-9-20.2a CHEM& 121 deny. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Gen Ed pre-req misalignment – MATH 152 is going to replace MATH 100C. This will create an issue with the Quantitative Reasoning (QR) courses as the General Education rule requires students place into MATH 100C or higher. The committee talked about how to work with the change in MATH. Mike Gimlin indicated that the Registrar can make the proposal on behalf of departments if they are only changing this pre-req. Michael moved to propose the following language as a program change: Quantitative reasoning (QR) courses are to be capped at a maximum of thirty-five (35) students. Every QR course must have a minimum pre-requisite of a math placement test score resulting in placement into MATH 100C 101 or successful completion of MATH 100B with a grade of C or higher. QR courses may have more demanding pre-requisites as long as these imply that the minimum pre-requisite is met. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

It was decided that notification to departments should come from the committee. The departments will be given the opportunity to make their own change or to have the Registrar do it for them. The committee asked Becky to let the Curriculum Committee know about the rule changes.

November 16, 2020

The committee talked about the pre-req spreadsheet. PHIL 152 will be putting a proposal in to add the AWI pre-req. STEP 101, 102, 103 still needs to put this in for AWI language.

Meeting next week November 23 is it needed. It was decided to wait on talking about the General Education structure. Teri indicated that she sees issues with this being housed under the Provost office. Recognize that there are problems right now making substantial changes given the current economic situation, but do need to have the stability of renewed funding.

The committee will not meet next week.

Meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.