General Education Committee Minutes April 10, 2023

Present: A.I. Ross, Teri Walker, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Elaine Glenn, Peter Gray, Mike Gimlin, Michael Goerger, Megan McConnell

Absent: Michael Braunstein, John Choi, John Neurohr, Jessica Olguin, Yoshiko Takahashi

Guest(s): None

Meeting was convened at 3:12 p.m.

Elaine moved to approve the March 6, 2023 minutes. A.I. seconded and minutes were approved. 1 abstention

Teri moved to approve the April 3, 2023 minutes. Tim Hargrave seconded, and motion was approved.

Chair report – Teri and Maura worked on the learner outcomes.

UNIV 400 offerings – Yoshiko is out ill so this discussion will be postponed.

General Education program learner outcomes.

Muara looked at the current GE philosophy to see what it states. Currently it states 13 different items the program promises.

1. The General Educa program prepares you for success at CWU as a citizen in our dynamic, diverse, and global society.

- 2. The program fosters integrated learning.
- 3. Enhancing your ability to make connections across courses and disciplines.
- 4. And to apply a breath of knowledge to real-world problems.
- 5. It will help you develop skills in critical thinking
- 6. Clear communication
- 7. Creative leadership
- 8. Ethical decision-making, and
- 9. Complex problem solving.

Others

10. Combined with your major, the General Education program will cultivate curiosity

- 11. employer personal development,
- 12. strengthen understanding of and respect for diverse perspectives, and
- 13. build a foundation for lifelong learning.

Teri also shared her draft for GE outcomes.

1. Upon completion of the General Education program's First Year Experience students will able to communicate information.

2. Upon completion of the General Education program's Knowledge Areas students will be able to acquire information.

3. Upon completion of the General Education program's First Year Experience students will be able to 4. associate information.

4. Upon completion of the General Education program's First Year Experience students will be able to synthesize information.

The outcomes could be drawn from the Philosophy, or Goals, component Areas. Ask faculty where they think the learner outcomes should come from. A.I. suggested might also ask in the survey something to gauge whether the respondents teach GE courses, how frequently they teach GE, and how familiar they are with GE philosophy. Maybe also ask them to prioritize top 3 outcomes they believe are important to GE.

During 22-23 academic year, did you teach at least one General Education course?

How often do you typically teach General Education courses?

No student petitions.

Mike Gimlin asked the committee to review the GE proposal forms in Curriculog to see if there are any needed changes.

Mike indicated he will be putting together the common core courses that do not have GE equivalents for the committee to review.

Megan McConnell asked if the student petition form could be updated. Mike G indicated yes he would be open to potential changes to the petition form.

The meeting next week is canceled. The next meeting will be April 24th.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:49 p.m.