

General Education
Curriculum and Assessment Subcommittee
February 8, 2021
Minutes

Present: Cynthia Pengilly, Teri Walker, Michael Braunstein, Tim Hargrave, Maura Valentino, Becky Pearson, Emily Arras, A.I. Ross, Shaffer Claridge, Joshua Buchanan, Karisa Terry, Mike Gimlin, Greg Lyman, Kathryn Martell, Megan McConnell and Bernadette Jungblut

Absent: Carey Gazis and Judy Beard

Guests(s): Elvin Delgado, David Douglas, Stephen Robison, Mark Samples, Andrea Eklund, and Walter Szeliga

Meeting was called to order at 3:10 p.m.

GE Discussion with the Executive Committee – Elvin went over the announced at the Faculty Senate meeting regarding the budget decision for the current General Education MOUs. The Provost is not continuing the MOUs as they are currently structured partially due to budget constraints next year as well as not clear outcomes for the GE Director and Pathway Coordinators positions.

Cynthia asked if the structure of General Education Committee (GEC) will be reverting back to its number of committee members? How this will impact the 184 courses and particularly the course caps?

Elvin indicated that right now the only thing that is on the table is the administration of General Education. There will need to be a conversation with the Dean's about the CWU 184 funding. It is not clear if they have received the funding, and if so how?

Becky said that she asked about those funds and if departments had been backfilled, but there was no clear answer. The Associate Deans thought that they would receive the funds upfront to offer the 184s, but then were told they were going to be backfilled if the course didn't make money.

A.I. asked about the MOU for Pathway Coordinators.

Becky indicated there should be a committee chair and a separate director.

Cynthia mentioned that if the Dean's don't fund the pathway coordinator, the implications are much broader than just the funding going away. Most of the Pathway Coordinators are NTT and would need to receive workload to continue to serve on the committee.

Shaffer indicated that the program was passed a Faculty Senate vote. COVID budgetary issues are a reality, but the General Education program will long outlive the temporary COVID restrictions. There is a concern about making lasting decisions based on temporary budget issues.

Bernadette indicated there is course assessment data about students being given an opportunity to meet the outcomes. The framework is in place, data capture is in place and there is some data that they are looking at right now.

Becky said faculty have been asked to provide artifacts. She needs to find a way to put that information into a form for Deans. Pathway Coordinators put together a survey on pathway criteria and received 71 responses.

Tim moved to approve the February 1 2021 minutes. Maura seconded and motion was approved.

Becky has been asked to provide a report to the Executive Committee. We have documents GECA would responsible and working and organizing assessment, but the problems come because GECA is doing the prior GEC charges and responsibilities and then being asked to do assessment in addition.

GE program change – The committee looks at the course outcomes for GEOL 303 and the course meets the GE outcomes. The outcomes don't need to change, to meet those outcomes. They might, but in this case they didn't. Becky will send a response to Maria.

Bruce Palmquist sent Becky an email about the subtopic they proposed. After review, they don't like the title and would like to know if they can change the title? They can, but it won't go into effect until fall 2022.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 p.m.