

**General Education Committee
Minutes
April 16, 2018**

Present: Lori Gray, Jeff Dippmann, Morgan Bliss, Becky Pearson, John Bowen, Jim Johnson, Thomas Tenerelli, Melissa Becker, Jill Hoxmeier, Laurie Moshier, Holly Pinkart, Lindsey Brown, Lizzie Brown, Cody Stoddard and Amy Claridge

Absent: None

Guest(s): Roxanne Easley and Dan Herman

Meeting was called to order at 3:11 p.m.

Jeff moved to approve the April 9, 2018 minutes. Morgan seconded, and minutes were approved. 2 abstentions. Add Dan Herman to the Guests.

Chair update - No report.

Student petitions – Lindsey presented a spreadsheet with 30 student petitions. Some of these petitions have multiple requests. The committee reviewed the types of petitions that the Registrar office has been reviewing. Melissa talked about that Chico State has exceptions or category of reasons for exceptions. The committee talked about the exception list and if it should be public. There is a concern that students will be advised towards the exceptions. Laurie talked about advisors having a list of equivalencies and then seek additional information before advising them towards exceptions. The committee decided they would like to see the list of petitions every couple of weeks as an information item, rather than approval. Currently the process is the Registrar office makes decisions based off the approved list. Anything that else comes to the General Education committee for review or advisor error.

Writing Standards – The committee reviewed the memo from Lori Gray. Lori indicated she would like the committee to vote on the proposal today. There is a change to 2500 words instead of 3000 words. Laurie asked who grades these papers? Who is judging that these are to these standards? If a professor is offering a W course, they should have some writing background. Dan indicated that this is writing across the curriculum, the faculty would be assessing based on the discipline. Melissa asked what would the course have to do to earn the W designation? Dan explained that the committee would have to come up with a process. Who makes sure that the students take the three W's? Lindsey indicated this is possible to be built into the system. Jill asked if there is a sense that departments would have wanted to submit a W course if it was in the original process, but didn't? There was a comment about if a course must be in Gen Ed to meet the writing designation. Should there be a standardized draft rubric and or paper? Maybe have instructors the first year to develop a standard rubric. John expressed a concern that this is a major change to the new GE. Cody talked about the need to have policy and procedure established for this process. Dan expressed concern about waiting then it would be much harder to make this type of change.

Lori moved to approve the writing proposal to add a W requirement as a rule change. Laurie seconded. 3 yes, 6 no. Motion failed.

History request - Dan proposed a minor proposal. This change won't change any of the courses but would probably mean the French and Russian courses would have to move into Global Dynamics. All the other courses are already US centric courses. Singular society would be interpreted to mean U.S. in the outcome. Then the outcome goes on to say societies so is a contradiction. Chico State does have US

and global diversity. This way there is not redundancy between Community, Culture, & Citizenship and Global Dynamics. Not sure why both categories that are global. This would sort of clarify things.

Melissa moved to not entertain any other changes until policies and procedures are in places for hearing and implementing their suggestions. Holly seconded. 1 nay. Motion passed.

Exercise Science - Need to have clarified language.

The committee reviewed the policy language. Need to define what types of changes there are and what is the level of review and approval for each of these changes. Program requirements. Requirements are knowledge areas and pathways, first year experience, culminating experience. Jim suggested splitting up into smaller groups to try and work through some of this information.

Group 1 - Holly, Melissa, Becky (Program changes)

Group 2 - John, Laurie, Thomas (Curriculum changes)

Group 3 Jim, Morgan, Jill (Roles & responsibilities, student petitions)

Group 4 Cody/Lizzie, Jeff and Lori - Assessment,

Everyone deals with definitions for their area

Program changes/Curriculum proposals

Student petitions

Assessment

Roles/Responsibilities - Knowledge Areas/Pathway Coordinators

The committee will meet every Monday through May as well.

The committee asked to have one printed copy per group of Lizzie's documents and what the committee worked on last week as well.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:02 p.m.