

## March 5, 2015, General Education Meeting –APPROVED minutes

Present: Voting members: L. Osika, S. Buck, S. Rowe, J. Jackson, S. Christofferson, A. Wise , T. Davis, R. Fielder, M. Germain

Ex-Officio members: M. Sudeith, Guests: E. Gaytan, D. Janssen

Quorum reached 12:35,

1. Approval of minutes from Feb. 2015 meeting
  - a. J. Jackson motion to approve minutes, 2<sup>nd</sup> by T. Davis, vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain.
2. Update on elections for vacant positions
  - a. S. Christofferson: a list of Unit A faculty has been obtained, so electronic balloting might be possible. We might not actually need any election if positions are uncontested.
  - b. Plan for nominations: electronic forms will be emailed to department chairs, announcements will be made via other methods, also. Additionally, open positions will receive a form to alert them that the position is open. Signatures from your college need to be obtained in support of your service. If colleges are fewer than 10 tenure/tenure-track, obtain as many as possible. Deadline, March 31<sup>st</sup>. Will review applications and discuss elections if necessary during April meeting.
  - c. Positions open for 3-year term: Nat. Sci (A. Wise), Soc. Sci, Health Sci ( M. Germain), foreign language (E. Delgado-Norris), COB (J. Jackson). Shorter positions: College of business and Math
3. Course review process
  - a. Communications courses discussion:
  - b. At CSU, we currently have 36 credit hours GenEd requirements. The IAI recommends 37-42 GenEd credits, we are already one credit shy of the recommended.
    - i. If we were to include these into GenEd, where might these courses fit? We currently don't have an appropriate category for them to fit.
    - ii. Many members thought these courses were previously valuable, so we kept them on the "bucket list". Most all other Illinois universities require a Speech/communications course, but we currently do not.
    - iii. General discussion was that foreign language was important, and we didn't want to do an either/or situation with foreign language/speech. It was also generally agreed that adding 3 more credits to accommodate additional course was not feasible, as it would affect lots of programs that are already credit-heavy.
    - iv. Some programs (some education programs and business, accounting, for example) already require some sort of speech/communication as part of their program requirements. For those majors, it would be easy to require a speech GenEd.
    - v. Some research will be done to figure out which programs already require speech and if not, how an additional three credit hours might affect the program/requirements.
      1. A Moodle discussion board will be posted to debate the pros/cons and information obtained from various departments.
  - c. Overview of entire approved course list: final review & decisions:
    - i. Need to look at overall list to decide if we agree to include ALL The courses we've approved.
    - ii. An updated spreadsheet detailing all the categories each course fulfills will be created so we can ensure all the 6 categories are being covered.

Next meeting, April 2, 2015  
Adjourned at 1:54pm

Minutes prepared by A. Wise