

General Education Committee Meeting

Minutes for April 8, 2019

Present: Shirlene Small (SS), Linnea GlenMaye (LGM), Roy Myose (RM), Rannfrid Thelle (RT), Becky Nordyke (BN), Aaron Rife (AR), Mathew Muether (MM), Amy Drassen-Ham (ADH)

Not Present: Kathy Delker (KD), Steve Oare (SO)

- Welcome by the committee chair – Shirlene Small
- Approval of minutes from 3-25-19 meeting
 - Minutes approved.
- No CCs this week.
 - MM: Woot!
- Discussion regarding the first read of the proposal to the faculty Senate of the First Year Seminar (FYS) program design.
 - SS: Push back on stifling academic freedom and common read. This was originally voted on by the faculty.
 - SS: Outcomes have to be presented but faculty members have flexibility in implementation and with common read.
 - SS: Second read today at faculty senate.
 - One-pager has been developed on the formal motion. Posted on the faculty senate webpage.
 - RT: Has received pushed back on assignment breakdown.
 - SS: This is a recommendation but faculty members have freedom to set this for their specific course.
 - ADH: Has there been concern over ability to offer enough sections?
 - SS: Gives a year for departments to prepare. Would like 40 sections by 2021. Looking into hiring ½ time coordinator.
 - RT: What is the plan if there is a lack of available sections?
 - SS: That falls to academic affairs, but based on past applications we would likely have more available under the current guidelines.
 - SS: Questions on “\$2500” for FYS development, departments have some flexibility on how to use this.
 - RM: Where is the appendix? Can the part be put clearly on the FYS page?
 - SS: Posted on the faculty senate webpage.
 - Can be added to the GenEd page.
- On- going Business:
 - SS: Request to consider new chair nomination.
 - ADH: What’s the process for committee member replacement?
 - SS, RT: Fac. Senate handles this.

- Comments/Information – Registrar’s Office
 - LGM: Encouraging member to attend faculty senate meeting.
 - FYS are a nice opportunity to develop creative courses.
 - LGM: What’s the status on the end of the year report?
 - SS: Unclear.
- RT: Gender breakdown of common read authors is male heavy.
- As may arise
 - Nothing arose.
- Set next meeting dates – April 22
 - SS: April 22 meeting will be short.
 - Review chair nominations and vote
 - Second reading feedback.
- Adjourn
 - Approved.