General Education Committee Meeting

Minutes for February 8, 2021

* **Committee Members Present**: Rannfrid Thelle (RT), Mathew Muether (MM), Maria Sclafani (MS), Brittany Lockard (BL), Sandra Sipes (SS), Roy Myose (RM)
* **Committee Members Not Present**: Steve Kelly, Mackenzie Lane (ML)
* **Others Attending:** Linnea GlenMaye (LG), Sally Fiscus (SF), Aaron Rife (AR)
* Welcome by the Chair – Rannfrid Thelle
* **Action Item – RM and ML were not included on the meeting announcement. RT and MM will verify the mailing list.**
* Approval of minutes from 12-14-20 meeting
	+ **Minutes approved 5-0**
* On- going Business:
	+ Course Change Proposals:
		- CJ 394: Courts and Judicial Systems
			* **Approved 5-0**
	+ New Course Proposals:
		- WSUB 102C: First-Year Seminar: Global Business, Culture and Etiquette
			* **Approved 5-0**
		- WSUB 102D: First-Year Seminar: Introverts in Society
			* LG: Is the division appropriate? Is there overlapping content.
				+ Committee felt that it was appropriate.
			* **Approved 5-0**
		- WSUH 102E: First-Year Seminar: Infections, Emerging Superbugs, Biowarfare and Outbreaks
			* **Approved 6-0**
		- WSUH 102D: First-Year Seminar: Public Health in Film
			* **Approved 6-0**
		- WSUA 102AD: First-Year Seminar: Plugging Into Politics
			* **Approved 6-0**
		- WSUA 102AC: First-Year Seminar: Culture, Health and Medicine
			* Committee had concerns over the demands of the course for an FYS. Is it something a new student can handle?
				+ LG: Pop quizzes, random attendance raises as evidence of not student success oriented.
			* The Health Sciences Librarian could be better connected.
			* AF will work with the instructor to update the syllabus.
			* **Discussion was tabled.**
		- WSUA 102AB: First-Year Seminar: Engineering Politics: Partisan Redistricting in the United States
			* **Approved 6-0**
		- WSUA 102V: Creation, the Earth and the Future
			* **Approved 5-0 (1 abstaining)**
		- HIST 550: Mapping and History
			* **Approved 6-0**
* Web pages: orientation from ad hoc group
	+ MS – Should the library assessment language be removed from the webpages.
		- LG – Some monitoring should be maintained due to FYS library requirements.
	+ Committee will meet to work on next page and then report to the GenEd committee.
* Discussion of the charge and description of the General Education Committee: where are we?
	+ **Action item: Schedule meet with Univ. Assessment Committee.**
	+ Update: Meeting with exception committee scheduled.
* Registrar’s Office
	+ No report.
* As may arise
	+ MS, RM – How many FYS do we need?
		- AR – 40 Fall, 20 Spring.
	+ Member wishing to run again should notify RM.
* Next meeting: February 22
* Adjourn
	+ Close at 1:57.