MINUTES

General Education Council, 3:30 PM November 25, 2014, ELL 205


II. Dr. Moll motioned, seconded by Dr. Lucia, to approve the October 28, 2014 minutes. Dr. Bergsten wanted the minutes to clarify the CHM 121 prerequisites and noted that the tagging request did not come from UCC. Also noted that Dr. Mike’s name was added to the attendance list. Assuming such changes were to be made, all were in favor and the motion passed unanimously.

III. Report from UCC-Dr. Shirk attended the November 4th meeting. The items that related to GEC included the 14-1 Chem Bonding prerequisite change which was tabled because of questions that needed answered. The CSC 104 (python class) passed, and both 14-6 and 14-7 Chinese courses passed. UCC had the same discussion about PCDE funding the courses and it was noted that the Dean of Arts and Science and the Modern Languages department would be addressing that in the summer.

IV. Reports from Standing Committees-

a. Budget-Dr. Beck reported that the call for proposals should be in the latest edition of FACT and it has been updated on the website. One request came in today for $250 and it will to go through the committee. Currently the balance is over $19,000. An email should be going out to all GEC members, please share it with your department.

b. Assessment-Dr. Girard reported that the committee met and they are really in the fact finding stage where they are meeting with different departments to find out about assessments. They need to figure out how those assessments can be used in Trackdat. They are also trying to figure out future assessments and how CLA+ will be administered to both seniors and freshmen. Dr. Girard and Dr. Bryant may be going to an assessment conference in Kansas, in February.

c. Program-Dr. Bergsten reported that they met twice this past month (Nov 4th and 18th) to review two gen ed proposals.
   • UCC 14-090 and 14-091 will be offered online. The learning objectives fall within the categories and there are university restrictions as to the type of student who can take the online courses. The online option is to accommodate transfer and non-tradition students. It was noted that our vote does not carry any weight but people thought it was appropriate to let UCC know our thoughts. The first motion was to approve UCC 14-090 History 105 as an online offering. All were in favor and motion carried. The program committee motioned to recommend UCC 14-091 History 106 as an online offering. All were in favored and the motion carried.
   • The committee is working on gen ed reform focusing on clear assessments and outcomes. They are working with writing courses as a model with the intention to then work with other departments to work through courses, tagging, and assessments to build a more complete program.
V. New Business- Dr. Drzyzga announced that the Provost is sending/funding a team to attend a middle states conference in early December. Dr. Drzyzga will be one of the participants and will be attending a workshop on gen ed, reaccreditation, and revising programs. Similarly Dr. Girard and Dr. Bryant will be attending the meeting in Kansas and the Provost has asked for GEC to support some of the costs. Dr. Lucia motioned, seconded by Beck, that GEC should allocate some of the $19,000 budget funds to defray conference costs. Dr. Godshalk amended the motion to allocate $1750. All were in favor and the motion passed.

VI. Dr. Feeney will be on sabbatical in the spring so is anyone willing to volunteer to be secretary???? Silence……Dr. Drzyzga and Dr. Mike will meet and appoint someone.

VII. Dr. Bergsten motioned, seconded by Dr. Beck, to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 4:01 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison E. Feeney