

General Education Council

2015-2016 Academic Year

Minutes for the meeting on Thursday, March 24, 2016 in ELL 205 at 3:30pm

Members in attendance: J. Mike, S. Drzyzga, S. Bergsten. A. Predecki, C. Sipes, D. Girard, D. Kalist, L. Cella, S. Mortimer-Smith, M. Spicka, M. Knight, J. Hamblin, M. Pineda-Volk, M. Lucia, K. Shirk, C. Botteron, M. Greenberg, C. Bertram, K. Lorenz, B. Meyer, J. Clements, B. Wallace, J. Fowler

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 3:34pm.

Motion (Shirk) to amend agenda to add two proposals (ENG190 and UCC 15-177). Motion passed. .

2. Approve the minutes of the previous meeting

Motion (Predecki) to approve minutes from 2/23/16. Motion passed.

3. Old Business

- a. Letter of support from President Harpster and Provost Lyman, follow-up

Dr. Drzyzga asked if anyone from GEC had discussed the letter with their departments. Several members said that they had.

- b. The Forum's decision about the GEC's request to move its April meeting date

The April GEC meeting will now be on Thursday, April 21 to avoid conflicting with the Minds@Work conference.

- c. Report from the GEC representative to UCC

Dr. Hamblin gave his report from the 3/1/16 meeting of UCC.

Proposals 15-177, 15-224, 15-254, 15-253 were expedited proposals to allow Gen Ed courses to be taught online. These proposals were not considered by GEC or GEC.PC. There was discussion about whether GEC or GEC.PC should give input on these types of proposals to UCC.

The MAT proposals (15-152 for MAT 117 and 15-155 for MAT 217) were approved and will be effective as of Fall 2016.

Proposal 15-177 for PSY 101 had not been considered by GEC, the proposal was tabled so that it could be considered by GEC at its March meeting.

- d. Reports from ad-hoc committees

- i. Entry-Year Experience Committee (Dr. Allison Predecki)

Dr. Predecki reported that the EYE Committee met with representatives from the English, History, and Human Communication Studies departments and found that the efforts of the EYE Committee aligned well with efforts from those departments to develop an EYE. Dr. Predecki presented a summary of what the EYE has been working on so far, including recommendations for a "program coordinator," a

budget for EYE programming, and establishment of the EYE Committee as a standing committee of GEC.

ii. Amendment Committee (Dr. James Hamblin)

Dr. Hamblin reported that the Amendment Committee made some revisions to the amendments that were put forward at the February GEC meeting.

Motion (Hamblin) to vote on amendments as presented.

Motion (Wallace) to amend the motion to fix a grammatical error in Amendment 16-5 (change “evaluate” to “evaluating” and “make” to “making”).

Motion (Lucia) to amend the motion to strike 16-6B and only vote on 16-6A. Motion passed.

All amendments passed. The votes for 16-1 through 16-5 were unanimous. There were two nay votes for 16-6A and three nay votes for 16-7.

e. Reports from standing committees

i. Budget (Dr. Ben Meyer)

Motion from the committee to approve the Gen Ed grant proposal from Drs. Godshalk and Harrow (Attachment K). Motion passed.

Motion from the committee to approve the Gen Ed grant proposal from Robert Clark (Attachment J). Motion passed.

Motion from the committee to fund the Gen Ed grant proposal from Laurie Cella in the amount of \$8,337.95 (reducing the remaining grants budget to \$0). Dr. Drzyzga asked for the minutes to reflect that the proposal covers 29 sections of WIFYS for a total of 725 students impacted. Motion passed.

ii. Assessment (Dr. Dudley Girard)

Due to time constraints, Dr. Girard’s report was postponed until the April GEC meeting.

iii. Program (Dr. Sherri Bergsten)

UCC 15-177 is a change to PSY 101 to remove “not open to psychology majors,” which matches with current practice. Concern was raised that those psychology majors would now need to take one fewer Category E course. Due especially to the large number of psychology majors, this may have a big impact on other departments with courses in Category E.

Motion by the committee to recommend approval of UCC 15-177. Motion passed.

Dr. Spicka noted that there is nothing in the program change proposal form that asks about impacts on Gen Ed. Dr. Hamblin volunteered to bring up this issue at the next UCC meeting.

Motion by the committee to approve the proposed ENG 190 course as a Category B (Literature) course. Motion passed.

4. New Business

a. Open nominations for GEC faculty co-chair and GEC secretary, AY 2016-17

The call for nominations was opened and will remain open until the next GEC meeting in April.

Dr. Hamblin was nominated for Secretary and accepted. Dr. Hamblin noted that he will be on sabbatical during Fall 2016, and so someone else will have to fill in during that semester if he is elected as secretary for 2016-17.

Dr. Drzyzga was nominated for Faculty Co-Chair and accepted.

- b. Departments and programs that expire in Spring 2016

The following departments still need to elect a GEC representative and alternate for a 2016-2019 term: Chemistry, Human Communication Studies, Modern Languages, Finance and Supply Chain Management, and Teacher Education.

5. Announcements

6. Call to adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 5:16pm.