

## MINUTES

General Education Council, 3:30 PM March 28, 2017, ELL 205

- I. Dr. Scott Drzyzga called the meeting to order at 3:35 pm in ELL 205. Attendance at the meeting included: J. Mike, S. Drzyzga, S. Bergsten, D. Girard, D. Kalist, M. Bibby, A. Feeney, D. Birsch, M. Ramsey, J. Hamblin, L. Bryant, R. Lesman, M. Lucia, K. Shirk, M. Greenberg, C. Bertram, K. Lorenz, B. Wentz, J. Carbo, B. Meyer, J. Clements, K. Moll, and S. Burg
- II. Dr. Clements motioned, seconded by Dr. Lorenz, to approve the February 28, 2017 minutes. No corrections were noted, and the motion passed unanimously.
- III. Old Business
  - a. Dr. Drzyzga reminded departments of the three-year rotation to the GEC membership, which ensures continuity. Some departments need to conduct elections report new members by the end of the year.
  - b. Dr. Drzyzga presented a Penn State data report that maps population change. It provided a visual representation of the expected growth in southeast portion of the state and the expected decrease in northwest that we discussed at the previous meeting. Shippensburg, Millersburg, and West Chester/Cheyney are a few of the PASSHE schools that are well situated to accommodate the future growth.
- IV. New Business
  - a. Report from standing committees:
    - i. Assessment: Dr. Girard reported that the Assessment Committee has been working with the Math department and has reviewed their assessment. They have been looking at TractDAT and need to figure out how it can be aligned with program goals. The committee started to review tags and learning objectives of the proposed program. They recognize there are some words in the tagging system that have different meanings to different departments. The committee has started to gather data to assess the current Category E curriculum, and in their next meeting, they will examine the EYE proposal.
    - ii. Program: Dr. Bergsten reported that the Program Committee has spent a lot of time getting feedback on the draft of the general education proposal. They have met with department chairs, held open forums, had each department respond orally, and have met with individuals. Comments from across campus were distilled into a list of 45 issues that the committee is working through and documenting each, such as changing words, (e.g., from logical analysis to critical analysis and reasoning to fit better with Middle States Standards) and considering including a citizenship tag. The committee has asked departments to report which of the proposed student learning objectives (i.e., 'tags') they will support with their existing general education courses. The following departments have not yet reported: Criminal Justice, Computer Science, Computer Engineer, Disability Studies, Ethnic Studies, Management and Marketing, Modern Languages, and Music and Theater. This information is necessary to estimate potential changes to FTEF.
    - iii. Entry Year Experience: Dr. Ramsey reported that they did not meet this past month but they have update the digital version of the Sherman Alexie flyer to report GEC sponsorship.

- iv. Budget: Dr. Meyer reported that the Budget Committee received no new proposals, and they did not meet this past month. \$5,000 of the \$12,000 budget has been expended, with nearly \$7,000 remaining.
  
- b. Dr. Moll reported that UCC held a relatively quiet and brief meeting. The two ethnic studies courses that GEC discussed during the previous meeting were approved by UCC. Some confusion occurred with another course proposal. Dr. Drzyzga will clarify with all parties that GEC did approve the Anthropology course at the previous meeting.
  
- c. The elected position for GEC faculty co-chair and secretary need to be conducted at the next meeting. Dr. Drzyzga noted he would not run again. Dr. Birch made a motion, seconded by Dr. Moll, for GEC to recognize Dr. Drzyzga's 4 years of exemplary service where he has been instrumental to the success of this council. All were in favor and the motioned passed unanimously. Dr. Burg, as APSCUF representative, will handle the elections.

V. Dr. Birsch motioned, seconded by Dr. Moll to adjourn. The meeting concluded at 5:10 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Alison E. Feeney