

General Education Council

2014-2015 Academic Year

Minutes for the meeting on Tuesday, April 21, 2015, in ELL 205 at 3:30 P.M.

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 3:35pm. Quorum not yet achieved, so agenda items not actionable.

2. Approve the Minutes of the previous meeting

a. Attachment A: Minutes from the meeting on Mar. 26, 2015

Motion made to approve minutes.

3. Old Business

a. Close nominations for GEC faculty co-chair and GEC secretary, AY 2015-2016.

Nominations were closed. Dr. Scott Drzyzga was the sole nominee for faculty co-chair, and Drs. James Hamblin and Alison Feeney were nominated for secretary.

b. Hold elections for GEC faculty co-chair and GEC secretary, AY 2015-2016

Since there is no quorum, the election will be held online, as planned at the March GEC meeting.

c. Report from our GEC representative at the UCC (Dr. Kate Shirk)

There is a proposal to renumber ENG 106 and ENG 110 to have numbers above ENG 113, a recently-approved developmental writing course. The Program Committee has not yet had a chance to review that proposal, but will consider it at their next meeting.

d. Reports from our Standing Committees

i. Budget (Dr. Joseph Beck)

1. End-of-year report

Nothing new. No additional proposals were submitted. The original budget for AY 2014-15 was \$19,770.50, of which approximately \$6500 was awarded to approved grant proposals, and \$1750 was provided to Drs. Bryant and Girard for their travel to an assessment-related conference.

ii. Assessment (Dr. Dudley Girard)

1. End-of-year report including the recent CLA+ exam results

AC met earlier today. The CLA met the minimum 150 students taking the exam. One result from this year's efforts was that seniors during their last semester are not highly motivated, and we might be more successful by trying to test seniors in the fall. Data is still being gathered from the "skills" departments; this

effort may not be complete until the fall. The AC will also continue working on assessment methods related to the proposed Gen Ed revision.

Dr. Lorenz asked what incentive the seniors have to take the CLA exam seriously. Dr. Girard replied that while there were a couple of students who “flew” through the exam, the vast majority seemed to spend an appropriate amount of time working on it.

iii. Program (Dr. Sherri Bergsten)

1. End-of-year report including the status of the updated GenEd “190” course proposal

Dr. Clements gave the report. The Gen Ed 190 revision proposal was distributed, but could not be acted upon due to the lack of a quorum. From the PC report:

“On Friday, September 18, 2015, the Program Committee will distribute a document to the GEC members that will include the following:

- 1) Justification for General Education reform at Shippensburg University
- 2) [The] model with learning objectives for each “tag” along with examples of other recently implemented General Education programs at other universities
- 3) Plans for Program Assessment including how courses will enter and exit the program.
- 4) Plans for Assessment of Student Learning Outcomes with example rubrics for each “tag” in the model
- 5) A list of Frequently Asked Questions
- 6) Plans for sharing this model with the university community for feedback - including Open Forums to be held October 14, 15 and 16, 2015.”

iv. First Year Experience (Dr. Kirk Moll)

1. End-of-year report

Not much progress made, but the committee has explored some important issues. Focus has been on how to incorporate FYE principles/activities into existing skills courses. FYE committee is looking for GEC to make it a standing committee, possibly with certain assigned membership.

4. New Business

5. Announcements

6. Call to adjourn