

Minutes

General Education Council

November 25, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT: CLARENDA PHILLIPS, KARLA ALEMAN, TIMOTHY HARE, DORA AHMADI, CHRISTINE EMRICH, BEV MCCORMICK, CHRISTINA CONROY, MARK GRAVES, WILSON GONZALEZ-ESPADA

I. OCTOBER 28, 2014 MINUTES FOR VOTE

MARK GRAVES MADE A **MOTION** TO APPROVE. GEC VOTED AND **MOTION CARRIED**.

II. REPORTS

a. FYS (TIMOTHY HARE)

- THE COURSES FOR SPRING SEMESTER ARE NOW CAPPED AT APPROXIMATELY 20 STUDENTS PER COURSE. THIS IS ONE OF THE LOWEST CAPS THAT WE HAVE SEEN.
- DR. MARGIE TOMSIC IS THE NEW DIRECTOR OF UNIVERSITY ASSESSMENT AND TESTING. SHE WILL START DECEMBER 1.
- THE FYS "THANK YOU DINNER" WILL BE ON THE TUESDAY OF FINALS WEEK. THIS WILL BE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR FYS INSTRUCTORS AND THE PROFESSIONAL ADVISORS TO MEET AND GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER.

THERE WAS A RECOMMENDATION THAT THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS ALSO BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE IN THESE MEETINGS.

- THE CRAFT ACADEMY STEM+X FYS PROPOSAL WAS BROUGHT OUT OF COMMITTEE WITH A RECOMMENDATION FOR APPROVAL.

THERE WAS DISCUSSION THAT THE STEM+X SECTION WOULD ONLY BE OPEN TO THE CRAFT ACADEMY STUDENTS. THIS SECTION OF FYS DOES SERVE A SPECIFIC POPULATION AND AS A RESULT WILL HAVE A LITTLE DIFFERENT CURRICULUM. THE PROPOSAL DID NOT ADDRESS QEP ACTIVITIES; BUT THERE WOULD NEED TO BE ONGOING DISCUSSIONS AS TO WHETHER IT WOULD BE NECESSARY.

GEC VOTED – AND THE **PROPOSAL WAS APPROVED**.

b. REGISTRAR

NO REPORT

III. GENERAL EDUCATION COURSE GRADE STATISTICS

- a. THERE HAS BEEN QUESTIONS AS TO HOW FYS PASS/RATE COMPARED TO OTHER GENERAL EDUCATION COURSES. THE DATA IS POSTED TO BLACKBOARD IS INFORMATIONAL AND CAN BE SHARED WITH OTHERS IN YOUR AREAS.

IV. COMMON MEASURES PILOT

- a. ALL FACULTY MEMBERS ARE REQUIRED TO SUBMIT ASSESSMENT DATA, EVEN THOSE WHO ARE PILOTING THE COMMON MEASURES.
- i. ASSESSMENT DATA SHOULD BE SENT TO KATHY HARGETT.
 - ii. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT AN EMAIL GO OUT TO THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS, ACADEMIC SPECIALISTS, AND GEC MEMBERS WITH THE DUE DATES, WHERE TO SEND INFORMATION, AND WHERE TO FIND FORMS.

TOM WILLIAMS SHARED VIA EMAIL THAT SOME FACULTY IN HIS AREA HAVE FOUND THE PROCESS EASIER AND THEY ARE STILL IN THE A SURVEY IS STILL BEING DEVELOPED TO DETERMINE THE SATISFACTION AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE COMMON MEASURES IN HIS DEPARTMENT.

V. NEXT SEMESTER'S MEETING DAY/TIME

- a. AFTER DISCUSSION OF AVAILABLE OPTIONS, IT WAS DECIDED THAT NEXT SEMESTER'S MEETINGS WILL BE HELD EVERY OTHER WEDNESDAY FROM 8:15 A.M. – 9:00 A.M. THE FIRST MEETING WILL BE HELD JANUARY 14, 2015.

VI. NEXT MEETING:

- a. THE NEXT MEETING THIS SEMESTER WAS SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 9. CLAREDA WILL NOT BE IN TOWN TO CHAIR THE MEETING, AND THERE IS NO NEW BUSINESS ON THE AGENDA.
- b. GEC REQUESTED AN INTRODUCTORY MEETING WITH THE NEW ASSESSMENT DIRECTOR FROM 2:00 – 2:30 DURING THIS TIME FRAME. THERE WILL BE NO BUSINESS CONDUCTED.