

# Minutes

## General Education Council

### May 01, 2015

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** KARLA ALEMAN, CHRISTINA CONROY, WILSON GONZALEZ-ESPADA, MARK GRAVES, TIMOTHY HARE, CHRISTINE LANGE, BEVERLY MCCORMICK, KERRY MURPHY, NOEL EARL, CLARENDA PHILLIPS, MARGIE TOMSIC

**GUEST:** JEREL BENTON

I. APRIL 17, 2015 MINUTES FOR VOTE

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

II. FYS FACULTY EVALUATION CHAIR FEEDBACK

THE FACULTY SENATE MOTION LANGUAGE REGARDING THE USE OF FYS EVALUATIONS WAS SHARED WITH GEC. TIMOTHY HARE WILL MEET WITH THE DEPARTMENT CHAIRS AT A LATER DATE FOR ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION. AFTER GEC DISCUSSION, THE EVALUATION OF FYS INSTRUCTORS WILL REMAIN AS IS.

III. QEP

a. CRAFT ACADEMY FYS COURSES

- CHRISTINA CONROY QUESTIONED WHETHER THE CRAFT ACADEMY SECTIONS OF FYS WOULD BE REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE QEP. THE CONCLUSION WAS THAT IT WAS THE INTENTION FOR ALL FYS SECTIONS WOULD IMPLEMENT QEP, INCLUDING THE CRAFT ACADEMY SECTIONS.

IV. NEW COURSE PROPOSAL

a. GOVT 147 PUBLIC SERVICE THROUGH SCIENCE (SBS I)

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V. NEW MEMBERS

a. THE FOLLOWING TERMS HAVE EXPIRED AND WILL BE OPEN:

- DEPARTMENT CHAIR (REPLACING DORA AHMADI) = APPOINTED BY CHAIRS COUNCIL
- S&T COLLEGE REP (REPLACING NILESH JOSHI) = NEEDS REPLACEMENT
- COE COLLEGE REP (NOT FILLED LAST YEAR) = NEEDS REPLACEMENT
- AT LARGE FACULTY POSITION (REPLACING CYNDI GIBBS) = NILESH JOSHI HAS AGREED TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL TERM.
- AT LARGE FACULTY POSITION (REPLACING CHRISTINA CONROY) = CHRISTINA CONROY HAS AGREED TO SERVE AN ADDITIONAL TERM.

NILESH AND CHRISTINA'S NAMES WILL BE PUT FORTH TO FACULTY SENATE. GEC MEMBERS SHOULD SUBMIT OTHER SUGGESTIONS FOR S&T AND COE DEPARTMENTAL REPRESENTATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION. AFTER THE NAMES HAVE BEEN SUBMITTED, CLARENDA WILL SEND OUT EMAIL FOR YOUR COMMENTS PRIOR TO SUBMITTING THE COMPLETED LIST TO FACULTY SENATE FOR APPROVAL.

VI. FYS REVISIONS

a. NONE SUBMITTED TO DATE.

VII. REPORTS

a. FYS (TIMOTHY HARE)

- WE STILL HAVE APPROXIMATELY 50 FYS SECTIONS FOR FALL SEMESTER. THERE HAVE BEEN 4 QEP TRAINING SESSIONS WITH APPROXIMATELY  $\frac{3}{4}$  OF THE INSTRUCTORS HAVING ATTENDED. THERE WILL BE 2 MORE SESSIONS IN EARLY AUGUST.
  - THE STUDENT SUCCESS TEXTBOOK WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR FYS INSTRUCTORS THURSDAY OF NEXT WEEK. IT WILL BE UP TO THE INDIVIDUAL INSTRUCTOR AS TO WHETHER THEY USE IT IN THEIR CLASSES.
- b. REGISTRAR (KERRY MURPHY)  
NO REPORT
- c. ASSESSMENT (MARGIE TOMSIC)
- THE CHARTS FROM THE 2013-2014 GENERAL EDUCATION REPORT WERE DISCUSSED. THE REPORTED DATA INDICATE THAT STUDENTS ASSESSED IN THREE SLO'S (1B, 1C, AND 2C) DID NOT MEET THE 70% ATTAINED MEASURE.
  - THERE WAS AN INITIAL DISCUSSION ABOUT THE DATA. IT WAS SUGGESTED THAT 1B MAY BE FLAWED. STUDENTS ARE GIVEN A PRE-TEST EARLY IN THE SEMESTER ON A COMMON READING, AND THEN TESTED FOR COMPREHENSION AT THE END OF THE SEMESTER. IT IS NOT THAT THEY DON'T COMPREHEND, THEY HAVE FORGOTTEN THE CONTENT. IT WAS ALSO QUESTIONED AS TO WHETHER STUDENTS WERE NOT MEETING THE 70% LEVEL AS FIRST-SEMESTER STUDENTS OR CAPSTONE STUDENTS.
  - GEC DISCUSSED WHETHER THERE WAS A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF HOW MULTIPLE SLO'S ARE BEING MEASURED AND SUGGESTED REVIEW AND CLARIFICATION OF THE PROCESS FOR ALL SLO'S.

#### VIII. CLOSING THE LOOP

##### a. GRADUATE GE EXIT SURVEY

- IT HAS BEEN BROUGHT TO CLARENDA'S ATTENTION THAT THE LAST SAC'S REPORT INDICATED THAT GEC WOULD DEVELOP A GRADUATE EXIT SURVEY AND BEGIN ASSESSING THE RESULTS IN 2012-2013. GEC MEMBERS WERE NOT AWARE OF THE DOCUMENT BEING DEVELOPED NOR DID THEY THINK ANYTHING WAS BEING USED.

#### IX. COMMON MEASURES PILOT (1A, 1B, 6A, 6B)

- I. MARGIE WILL BE PULLING THE DATA FOR THOSE SLO'S WHICH PARTICIPATED IN THE COMMON MEASURES PILOT. THAT DATA WILL BE POSTED ON BLACKBOARD FOR YOUR REVIEW.

WE WILL BEGIN NEXT YEAR WITH DISCUSSIONS ABOUT CLOSING THE LOOP AND HOW TO USE THE DATA THAT WE COLLECT TO IMPROVE STUDENT LEARNING.