

General Education Council Meeting

Minutes

October 23, 2014

2:00pm West 2806

Present: Kim Barron, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Kat Klawes, Jill Leonard (Chair), Carolyn Lowe, Andy Poe, Mark Smith, Rob Winn.

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 10/9/14 approved.
2. **Update on the Written English Competency (Laura Soldner, Ray Ventre and Peter Goodrich, Department of English)**

Soldner distributed a copy of the criteria their courses (EN109/EN111/EN211) will use to meet the Written English Competency requirement. The Council agreed that, minus the Department of English course specific information, this could function as the document they share with academic departments concerning the criteria by which all courses will be judged to meet the Competency. We reminded Soldner that they also need to develop an assessment rubric and these documents need to be made public through reports to the Academic Senate.

Ventre indicated that the Department of English is meeting on November 14, 10:00am (JXJ 1320) to workshop their General Education course proposals. He asked if someone from the Council could attend to review and provide feedback on their proposals. Ventre also noted that they are in discussion about the oral communication dimension of the Effective Communication component and hope to share something with the Council soon.

3. **Update Items**
 - a. **Progress on University Grad Requirement oversight & changes to Lab Science**

Provost Lang feels that the GEC should have oversight of all university graduation requirements; the GEC could approve/remove courses as part of a university requirement (similar to our role with the General Education program) but the Academic Senate would be responsible for approving changes to the requirements. The GEC would also be responsible for assessing the university graduation requirements. Lang will need to propose this change of the GEC charge to the Academic Senate.
4. **Review revision of SP 100 (Cantrill)**

No new feedback. We will vote on the proposal at our next meeting.
5. **Review of NAS 320 (Lindala)**

No real concerns. We will take up again at our next meeting.
6. **Review of CJ 110 (Mesloh)**

The Council identified a number of shortcomings with the proposal. Leonard will relay these

to Criminal Justice and ask for revisions.

7. Good of the Order

Our next meeting is scheduled for November 6. We will plan on voting on the NAS320 & SP100 proposals. We will also review the 3 proposals from Philosophy.

Klawes indicated that ASNMU is developing a proposal to present to the Board of Trustees that would grant ASNMU voting representation on all university committees.

Meeting adjourned at 4:00pm.

Mike Burgmeier, Secretary