

**General Education Council Meeting**  
**Minutes**  
**December 18, 2013**  
**9:00am WS 2803**

**Present:** Kim Barron, Dwight Brady, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Jill Leonard (Chair), Andy Poe, Kim Rotundo, Kristen Smith, Robert Winn

1. **Approval of Minutes:** Minutes of 12/04/13 approved.
2. **Announcements & Reminders**
  - a. Reports from Department visits:

There are 3 departments we have not met with yet. Leonard will contact Art & Design to arrange a meeting for early January. Smith is also setting up a meeting with Criminal Justice for early January. Poe has had difficulty arranging a meeting with the Math/Computer Science department. He is trying to schedule a January or early February meeting date.
  - b. Conferences
    - i. **Reforming Your General Education Curriculum** January 29 - 31, 2014 Chicago, IL. POST-CONFERENCE WORKSHOP Assessing the Quality of Your General Education Program. **Leonard, Lowe, & Smith attending.**
    - ii. The 2014 Annual Meeting of the Association of American Colleges and Universities,—**“QUALITY, E-QUALITY, AND OPPORTUNITY: How Educational Innovations Will Make—or Break—America’s Global Future,”**—will be held January 22-25, 2014, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Washington, DC.
    - iii. **General Education and Assessment: Disruptions, Innovations, and Opportunities Network for Academic Renewal Conference** February 27 — March 1, 2014 Portland, Oregon. **Winn & Burgmeier attending.**
  - c. Leonard and Winn will be presenting to the Provost/Academic Cabinet on January 14 and to the Educational Priorities Committee on January 20.
  - d. Status of new LO rubrics:
    - i. CCTP: Ready to move ahead
    - ii. Intercultural/Diverse World: We will review and finalize at the January 13 meeting.
3. **Meeting Schedule:**
  - i. Winter Semester: We will meet Monday’s from 3:00-5:00 every other week starting January 13. We may occasionally need to meet on Tuesday’s from 10:30-12:00 so try to keep this time available.
4. **Report on discussion with the Provost re: Gen Ed and University Graduation Requirements**

Winn reported that the Provost has some concerns about implementing a math requirement including costs and issues related to retention. Lang suggested the possibility of a math competency rather than a requirement. Winn/Leonard reiterated that we are uncomfortable with an NMU standard less than the state community colleges. We are also the only public university in the state that does not have a math requirement. Lang will asked Chen for statistics that might be useful to the discussion. Lang indicated that the graduation

requirements are separate from the general education program, therefore we will keep them separate as we move forward with our models/proposals.

**5. Trial runs with Quantitative, CCTP, and Intercultural Outcomes:**

Suggested Courses:

Quantitative: EC101, BI111, CH101, (MA171 as backup)

CCTP: EN111 or EN211, SO113, MU125, (Theatre as backup)

Intercultural: Native American Studies, History, Modern Languages (Anthropology as backup)

**6. Model C discussion**

A number of revisions were made including the addition of learning outcomes to each skill/content area.

**7. Comments on Models A or B**

Leonard will forward the revised presentation to committee members. Please review closely and forward suggestions/changes to Leonard. We will finalize at the next meeting.

**8. Discussion of Model rollout steps**

- a. Review the models one last time at the January 13 meeting. Email a copy of the models to the Campus Community during the first week of classes.
- b. Offer a couple of open forums to present the models, answer questions and gather feedback. Schedule forums the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes. Council members should be present for each forum.
- c. Schedule a presentation to Senate. Leonard will try to get on the agenda of the January 21 meeting.
- d. Means for electronic feedback: Provide a link to a Qualtrics survey in the presentation materials and from the Council web site.
- e. Get input from students: Schedule a meeting with ASNMU.

**9. Intercultural Rubric:**

Winn will forward a copy of the most up-to-date version. Finalize rubric at the January 13 meeting.

**10. Good of the Order**

Next meeting: Monday, January 13, 3:00-5:00pm

Tasks for the next meeting:

- Review carefully the Models powerpoint presentation.
- Review and finalize the Intercultural Competence-Diverse World rubric.

Respectfully submitted,  
Mike Burgmeier