

General Education Council Meeting

Minutes

March 11, 2014

10:30am WS 2806

Present: Kim Barron, Dwight Brady, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Katerina Klawes, Jill Leonard (Chair), Carolyn Lowe, Kim Rotundo, Robert Winn
Guest from the English Department: Ray Ventre, Laura Soldner, Heidi Stevenson

1. Approval of Minutes: Minutes of 2/24/14 approved.

2. English Writing Competency Requirement

Soldner provided some background on the proposal submitted by the English Department. She indicated that the English Department is discussing the idea of having a single EN211 course that would incorporate components of 211E (Critical Thinking and Writing). Everyone was in agreement that this writing requirement would need to meet the effective communication outcome.

The English Department agreed to include a Compass Exam score of 12 as an option to satisfy the First Year Composition section. Winn will see if he can find out how many NMU students have scored 11 or higher on the exam. We can review and adjust the required score as more data becomes available but we agreed to start with the higher score of 12. Someone will need to consult with Jim Gadzinski regarding the potential increase in students wanting to take the exam. We agreed to eliminate the ACT+HS GPA option to satisfy the First Year Composition section.

Winn expressed the Council's desire to work with the English Department on developing the effective communication rubric. Ventre and colleagues indicated they would appreciate the opportunity to participate in its development.

3. Michigan LEAP State Initiative

Winn asked that we support NMU joining the other public universities in Michigan seeking LEAP State designation from the Association of American Colleges and Universities (AAC&U). Motion: Donovan/Leonard. Motion passed unanimously. Winn will take the proposal to Provost Lang for approval.

4. Gen Ed Model Development Stage II

No changes were made to the revised model. Leonard asked everyone to review for final changes/edits at the next meeting.

5. Forum Presentation

The Forum is scheduled for Monday, March 24 from 3:00-5:00pm in the University Center. It is open to the entire campus (students, faculty, and staff). We began making edits to the

draft presentation. We will need to finalize the presentation at the next meeting so everyone should review and be prepared to provide input.

6. Good of the Order

None

Future meetings:

GenEd Meeting, Monday, March 17, 3:00-5:00.

GenEd Forum, Monday, March 24, 3:00-5:00

GenEd Meeting, Tuesday, March 25, 10:30-12:00

Respectfully submitted,
Mike Burgmeier