

General Education Council Meeting

Minutes

August 19, 2013

10:00am WS 2806

Present: Kim Barron, Mike Burgmeier, David Donovan, Jill Leonard (Chair), Carolyn Lowe, Andy Poe, Kim Rotundo, Kristen Smith, Chen Wang (Guest), Robert Winn

Absent: Charlotte Cialek, Dwight Brady

1. New Council member
 - a. Kim Barron, the new Director of Institutional Accreditation and Assessment, joins the Council.
 - b. Chen Wang, the new Assistant Provost of Institutional Research, Planning and Assessment, joined us for the day to learn about the Council.
2. Discussion of draft rubric for Quantitative Assessment LO and make short list of faculty to test it this semester
 - a. Talked a lot about the assessment process. In the end we decided that we need to conduct the trial run before working out the details.
 - b. We agreed to use all 7 dimensions as outlined in the draft rubric. We also agreed to include "evaluating data sources" as a fourth component of the Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis LO.
 - c. Identified four courses for potential trials this fall; AS101, MA 115 or other, EC101, and PY100.
3. Discuss mapping of current courses to draft Learning Outcomes (departmental survey)
 - a. Winn solicited feedback on the departmental survey he is sending out this week. We should have data in approximately 3 weeks.
4. Discuss the GenEd traveling show including draft of presentation
 - a. Time ran out before addressing this item. Review and make notes for the next meeting.
5. Set meeting schedule for the semester
 - a. We agreed to meet every other week this semester. Leonard will send out a Doodle in order to determine the best meeting time.
6. Good of the order
 - a. Winn attended the AAC&U LEAP States Summit in June. He is working with other Michigan schools to apply to be a LEAP state.
 - b. Winn indicated that, with the support of Paul Lang, NMU is applying to be a member of the Association of American Colleges & Universities (AAC&U).

Tasks for the next meeting:

- Winn will request access for Barrons to the GenEd group on the EduCat Share site.
- Leonard will recruit instructors to participate in a trial assessment of the Quantitative Reasoning and Analysis LO.

- All members will review the draft Powerpoint presentation about GenEd Reform Update and Plan for discussion at the next meeting.