***General Education Committee Meeting***

***Minutes 2-24-2024***

***Members in Attendance***: Brett Bruner, Natalie Delacruz, Sally Fiscus, Linnea Glenmaye, Julie Henderson, Brittany Lockard (Chair), Josh Mallard (Student Rep),Angie Paul, Carolyn Shaw, Sandy Sipes, and Jan Wolcutt.

***Absent:*** Samantha Corcoran, Gina Crabtree, Kimberly Engber (Honors representative), Matt Muether

***WELCOME*:** Brittany Lockard started the meeting at 12:30.

***APPROVAL OF MINUTES FROM 2-12-24 MEETING*:** The committee did not formally approve the minutes.

***UPDATES FROM LINNEA RE GEN ED IMPLEMENTATION***

* The Board of Regents wants the web page listing exceptions and the web page for the current Gen Ed course list by Friday, March 1. The Engineering exceptions for all schools were approved with no contingencies. Other exceptions were approved only for one year.
* The revised course list was approved.
* Math pathways and English pathways: The requirement is that students must take College Algebra (or any course that it is a pre-requisite for) or Contemporary Math. The regents are promoting another option where a course like Statistics the math requirement (for a department or college) is, but a co-requisite course must be provided at no cost to students to fulfill the functions formerly done by having students take developmental courses like Math 011 and -012, which did not count toward the degree. The Math department is already working on a co-requisite course. The point is to get rid of the developmental courses that students used to take to become ready to take College Algebra. A similar model for English would be to for the English department to come up with a co-requisite course to take the place of English 011 and 012.

***GEN ED SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES***

* The Gen Ed committee has a subcommittee group in Teams with fact finding reports from the subcommittee, for interested parties. The path to these reports is: Gen Ed Team → Gen Ed Subcommittee (left side) → Files (top).
* Many faculty are not aware of the Regents’ Gen Ed program (or perhaps not aware of the impact it will have on their programs.) Now that some have become aware, some departments are considering removing specific 300 classes from the Gen Ed list because there is no requirement for 300 levels courses. This may be an issue for students on old catalogues.

***FACULTY SENATE REPORT***

* + - * The Annual Faculty Senate report from the Gen Ed committee is due in April.
      * The report will likely not have many changes from last year. Last year’s report is available in this week’s meeting folder. Angie will present on library concerns and Brett Bruner will report on first year seminars on the 25th.
      * The Gen Ed committee will meet with the Exception committee regarding how many exceptions they did to include in the report to faculty Senate. The committee will also meet with the Assessment committee to get their input for the report.

***COURSE PROPOSAL REVIEW***

* No proposals are before the committee.

***AS MAY ARISE***

* The Council of Chief Academic Officers (COCO) is the first step to approve new programs, and Liberal Arts has proposed an Associate of Science degree, which is intended to be a retention tool. The Associates of Arts degree is already automatically awarded when the requirements are satisfied. The community colleges may oppose it, although WSU will not recruit, and only 4-year degree-bound students are eligible.

***NEXT MEETING***

* The next meeting will be on March 25

***ADJOURNMENT***

The meeting ended at 1:12 pm.