General Education Committee Meeting

Minutes for October 26, 2020

* **Committee Members Present**: Rannfrid Thelle (RT), Mathew Muether (MM), Maria Sclafani (MS), Greg Novacek (GN), Sandra Sipes (SS), Roy Myose (RM), Brittany Lockard (BL)
* **Others attending:** Linnea Glenmaye (LG), Aaron Rife (AR), Lisa Hansen (LH), Kylie Johnson (KJ)
* **Meeting called to order at 12:30 pm on ZOOM video conference.**
* Welcome by the Chair – Rannfrid Thelle
* **Minutes from 10-12-20 meeting approved 7-0**
* General Education Assessment - Orientations
  + Guest: Aaron Rife – First Year Seminar
    - FYS Requirement Overview presented.
    - FYS courses for Fall 2021 expected in November.
    - RM – Suggestion to compare FYS assessment with WSU 101.
    - LG – Cautioning on change of writing assessment. How would we compare to previous semesters. This has been part of the GedEd committee report, and the dashboard compiled by D. Wright.
    - RT – How is FYS assessment being considered with GenEd?
      * AR – Writing change is intended to just be for FYS.
  + Guest: Lisa Hansen, Kylie Johnson – One Stop
    - Academic advising services document presented.
    - Presenting Student advising Gen Ed Questionnaire.
    - RT – Questionnaire options presented alphabetically. Do the students understand all these choices?
      * A: Students are made aware at orientation. Working on flyer to provide better initial context.
    - MS – Can OneStop provide service overview for the library.
      * LH - We’d be happy to do that.
    - RT – What is the comprehensive presentation of GenEd in FY advising?
      * KJ – For many degree programs there is optional GenEd course work. The more flexible program values of exploring GenED is emphasized. Dean Hippisley has been working with advising.
    - BL – How many undecided majors enter in a given year?
      * Student rank interests to help guide course choices.
      * 74 – Undecided student in Fall.
    - LG – How does scheduling align with student needs?
      * LH – Have been assessing historical data and discussing with Dept Chairs.
      * LH – FYS requirement impact is currently being understood.
    - LG – To what extent do you feel you are GenEd advisors?
      * LH - In principal . However student come in with lots of gened credits these days.
* Discussion of the charge and description of the General Education Committee
  + Follow up on action items:
    - History GenEd Review Pilot is moving forward.
    - Syllabus review
      * This committee is meant to gather data for and maintain a matrix of which courses meeting the gen ed outcomes.
      * RM – We should at least have access to syllabi.
      * MS - Are syllabi reviewed in program review?
        + Departments do provide aggregated data on how they are meeting the Gen Ed outcomes.
        + LG – Tracking outcomes section in assessment page are likely speaking to program review.
        + RM – We should be in the loop of the program review.
      * **Action item: Pullout Committee specific tasks from assessment webpage. (Work with Kaye to assure AC is handling the rest?)**
      * **Action item: Library report?**
      * **Action item: Invite LAS advising.**
      * **Action item: Invite chair of the exception committee.**
* Next meeting: 11/9 @12:30
* Adjourn - 2:03 pm