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