General Education Committee Meeting

Minutes for March 22, 2021

* **Committee Members Present**: Rannfrid Thelle (RT), Mathew Muether (MM), Maria Sclafani (MS), Brittany Lockard (BL), Sandra Sipes (SS), Mackenzie Lane (ML), Roy Myose (RM)
* **Committee Members Not Present**: Steve Kelly
* **Others Attending:** Linnea GlenMaye (LG), Sally Fiscus (SF)
* Welcome by the Chair – Rannfrid Thelle
* Approval of minutes from 3-8-20 meeting
  + **Approved 7-0**
* On- going Business:
  + Course Change Proposals:
    - ENGL 582: Writing and Invention.
      * This proposal still has many of the same issue unaddressed from earlier review: Why is this 500 level? What are the grad outcomes? And Why is this restricted to juniors and above? Can the syllabus be updated to reflect comments made in CIM?
      * **Rollback approved 7-0:** **SF will roll this back and RT will contact the instructor and/or Rebeccah Bechtold.**
  + New Course Proposals:
    - HIST 327: Ethnic Entrepreneurship
      * **Approved 7-0**
    - WSUA 102Z: First-Year Seminar: So You Want to Write a Book?
      * **Approved 7-0**
* FYS library assessment (MS)
  + Issues raised: who is in charge of assessing FYS? Academic affairs? University assessment? Do we any authority/investment in the process? How is it best to assess learning outcomes? Through self-reporting or other methods? Will long-term issues about retention and graduation rates be included in these assessments?
  + (MS) Library needs specific and useful data with faculty buy-in through FYS assessment
  + (RT) Gen Ed needs specific library assessment, see our own assessment materials
* Narrative report: draft to be presented in meeting (RT)
  + Live edits were made to the SharePoint document.
* As may arise
  + BL – Has received positive feedback on idea of GenEd guide for faculty.
    - MM – Can we add language to the existing standard template.
  + RM – We should preemptively work with Faculty Senate to organize new member elections sooner rather than later.
* Next meeting: April 12
* Adjourn