Western Connecticut State University  

Committee on General Education Minutes  

Minutes of the meeting of Friday, November 3, 2017  
Haas Library – Room 508 – Scheduled: 1:30 – 3:00  

Recording: William P. DeFeo, JLA/ASB  
Members present: R. Gustafson (Chair), L. Lindenauer, N. Walker (Student Representative), J. Hamer, S. Dalton, P. McDaniel, P. Cumella, T. Pinou, J. O’Brian.  
Meeting convened: 1:35 P.M.  

I. MINUTES: a. Motion to approve the minutes of the October 6, 2017 meeting without revision (Hamer/Lindehauer) CARRIES.  

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: 

a. Three Philosophy courses have been approved.  
b. An SGA member is wanted on CUCUS.  
c. The TAP articulation agreement was discussed.  

III. OLD BUSINESS: 

a. A report was offered by J. Hamer on assessment of the QR Competency. Multiple courses were reviewed, and rubrics were distributed to those concerned, along with requests for feedback; some feedback was received. A post-Thanksgiving meeting will be scheduled. The GE Chair commented generally on assessing competencies. Spirited discussion ensued. Broad based assessment versus specific course assessment was at issue. Provost Alexander reminds the Committee that we are at the threshold of competency assessment and are taking first steps in these matters.  

b. The Committee did not discuss revision of “...the current definition of critical thinking.” Rather, it moved ahead to item IV (c) of the agenda.  

IV. NEW BUSINESS:  

a. The Committee did not discuss New Business item “a.” It moved directly to consideration of item “c” below.  

b. The Committee did not discuss New Business item “b.” It moved directly to consideration of item “c” below.  

c. HON 498. Discussion ensued regarding designation of this course as meeting both the SI (Scientific Inquiry) and HW (Health and Wellness)
competencies. Objections to alignment with both competencies were raised. Distinctions between “science” and “social science” were offered.

**Motion** (1 of 2) to designate the subject course as meeting both the SI and the HW competencies (O’Brien/Hamer) DOES NOT CARRY.

**Motion** (2 of 2) to designate the subject course as meeting one of the two competencies (H/W only) (Walker/Hamer) DOES NOT CARRY. The recommendation of the Committee is for the subject course to return to its department where alignment with the selected competencies can be reviewed.

d. HON 398 (two courses)
   Thorough discussion ensued regarding designation of both courses as meeting both the IC (Inter Cultural) and CP (Creative Process) competencies.

   **Motion** to designate both subject courses as meeting both IC and CP competencies (O’Brien/Cumella) DOES NOT CARRY.

   **Motion** to designate the subject courses as meeting the IC competency only (Dalton/Cumella) CARRIES, with Committee recommendation for course to return to its department where alignment with the other selected competency can be reviewed.

**INTERJECTION:**

   **Motion** to schedule a “special meeting” for December 8, 2017 at 1:30 in Haas 508 for exclusive discussion regarding definitions and articulations of the competencies (Hamer/Cumella) CARRIES.

**RETURN TO:**

III. OLD BUSINESS:
   b. Revision of the current definition of critical thinking was not undertaken. Committee recommendation is that this agenda item will be sufficiently addressed in agenda item “IV New Business,” sub-items lettered “J” and “K.”

**RETURN TO:**

IV. NEW BUSINESS (listed in the order addressed)
   b. CD 1718002. Alignment of JLA 405 with both W3 (Writing Tier 3) and CE (Culminating Gen Ed Experience) competencies was brought to the floor.

      **Motion** to align the subject course as meeting both W3 and CE competencies (Dalton/Hamer) CARRIES.

a. CD 1718016. Alignment of BIO (new course) with SI (Scientific Inquiry) competency was brought to the floor.

      **Motion** to align the subject course as meeting the SI competency
(Lindenauer/DeFeo) CARRIES.

e. Discussion ensued regarding the FY requirement. It was resolved that entering transfer students with 24 or more credits earned need not fulfill the FY requirement. However, high school earned AP credits will not waive the FY requirement.

    Motion to memorialize the resolution above (McDaniel/Hamer) CARRIES.

ADJOURNMENT:

    Motion to adjourn at 3:00 P.M. (Hamer/Pinou) CARRIES.

Respectfully submitted,

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Justice and Law Administration
Walker/Hamer) DID NOT CARRY.
Scientific Inquiry) and HW (Health and Wellness) Competencies. Om e. sent to Discussion on GEC “Taking Stock” of accomplishments for the coming year tabled to the meeting’s end for purpose of unhurried discussion.
b. FDS: ECO 398 as revised. Motion to approve (Dalton/O’Brian) carries. Abstention Lerner.
c. Consideration of miscellaneous Sharepoint course proposals:

i. Music Department (tabled from November meeting)
   1. CD 1516295 – Music Ensembles (CP). Revision requested in October GEC meeting, tabled in November. Motion to approve as a bundle with item numbered 2 below (O’Brien/DeFeo) carries after discussion. Abstention Lerner.
   2. CD 1516296 – Music 113 (FYE). See item 1 above.

ii. Management Department (with new revisions)
   1. CD 1617043 – Management 250 (CT); Motion to approve as a bundle with items numbered 2, and 3 below (Dalton/O’Brian) carries after discussion. Abstention Lerner.
   2. CD 1617044 – Management 415 “Organizational” (CGEE). See item 1 above.
   3. CD 1617045 – Management 415 “Strategic” (W3). See item 1 above.

iii. Theater Arts Department
   1. CD 1617037 – Theater 386 (CT) Proposal not yet revised. Motion to approve (Hamer/O’Brian). Substantial discussion ensues re: whether course meets the CT competency, and interpretation of the terms “narrative” and “argument.” Revision of motion to approve “pending revision” (Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:
   a. Revise Math 100 and 100P to be excluded from Tier II (W2). Tabled to end of meeting for further discussion. See agenda item IV (c) below.
   b. Sharepoint Course Proposals:

   i. Education Department
1. CD 1616354 - ED 211 (removed from consideration)
2. CD 1616355 - ED 212 (removed from consideration)
3. CD 1617065 - ED 1XX (FYE). Motion to approve pending removal of certain inserted language (Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.
4. CD 1617066 - ED 416 (CGEE) Motion to approve (Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.
5. CD 1617067 - ED 206 (IL and OC) Motion to approve (Hamer/Cumella). Discussion ensues resulting in modification of motion to approval upon revision. Motion carries. Abstention Lerner.
6. CD 1617068 - ED 419 (W3) Motion to approve (Dalton/Hamer) is defeated/rejected. Abstention Lerner.
7. CD 1617069 - ED 211 (W2) Motion to approve as a bundle with CD 1617070 ED 212 (below) upon revision (Dalton/Gadkar-Wilcox) carries. Abstention Lerner.
8. CD 1617070 – ED 212 (IL). See note for item 7 above.

ii. Communication and Media Arts Department
1. CD 161707 - COM 163 (OC) Motion to approve as a bundle with items numbered 2, 3, and 4 below (Dalton/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.
2. CD 1617008 – COM 161 (OC) See item 1 above.
3. CD 1617022 – COM 247 (CP and IL) See item 1 above.
4. CD 1617023 – COM 146 (CP and IL) See item 1 above.

iii. Psychology Department
1. 1617013 – CD PSY 2xx (Competency?) Motion to approve with revision of proposal language to reflect wording of the competency (Hamer/Dalton) carries. Abstention Lerner.

iv. Social Work Department
1. CD 1617015 – SW 300 (SI and IF). Motion to approve (Hamer/Dalton) carries. Abstention Lerner.
2. CD 1617036 – SW 210 (CT). Motion to approve (Dalton/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.

c. (Items previously tabled for discussion to the end of the meeting)

i. Discussion upon the issue of distinction between “major courses” and “cognate courses” tabled from agenda item IV (a) above. Motion to further table discussion to the next GEC meeting (Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.

ii. Discussion upon the general issue of “Taking Stock” distinction between “major courses” and “cognate courses” tabled from agenda item III (a) above. Motion to further table discussion to the next GEC meeting (Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer) carries. Abstention Lerner.
Meeting adjourned: 3:____.

Respectfully submitted 12/13/16,

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