WCSU Committee on General Education

Minutes

November 4, 2016

1:00-2:30pm, Haas Library 508

Recording: Kelli Custer

I. Approval of the minutes from the October 7, 2016 meeting
   a. Motion to approve (Hamer/Custer)
   b. Approved unanimously

II. Announcement
   a. Status of proposal for assessment of competencies/Cooperation of Assessment Committee (Jerry Wilcox)
      i. Previously, it was proposed that the Assessment Committee would host conversations regarding evaluation of enacting the competencies and would collect a repository of syllabi. Jerry discussed the proposal with assessment committee. The committee suggested that an established department/office/location be established as a repository of documents, rather than the assessment committee. The committee has a transitory membership.
      ii. Committee members are willing to have discussions with anyone to share their assessment expertise. Committee meets at 1:30 on Wednesdays before senate meetings.
      iii. At chairs’ meeting, Missy Alexander mentioned the possibility of a retreat regarding General Education, which may be a possible place for these assessment discussions. This is planned for January 13. More information will be forthcoming.
      iv. Jerry Wilcox and Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox will discuss this proposal further.
      v. Further discussion will be continued during our December meeting.

III. Old Business
   a. CS 198 Course (One-Time Approval) (Second-go around)
      i. Motion to approve course: Pinou/Cumello
      ii. Discussion.
      iii. Pass (6 yes, 1 abstain)
   b. Subcommittee/Joint Committee with WIC to evaluate Study Abroad courses for new gen ed credit?
      i. Motion to create this committee (Dalton/Cumello)
      ii. Passed.
      iii. Gadkar-Wilcox will contact WIC to create a joint committee
   c. Policy on having different competencies for different sections of the same course
      i. Move to disallow different competencies for different sections of the same course (Hamer/Dalton)
      ii. Discussion
1. Special note by request: Professional Studies does not want courses to run with/without competencies. In registration, they recommend courses, but not sections. The schedule of professional studies students is less flexible.
2. As the discussion of restricting course to running only with or without competencies is outside the scope of the current discussion, this will be an agenda item for the December meeting.
   iii. All department chairs agreed with not allowing different competencies for different sections of the same course
   iv. Motion passed (6 yes, 1 abstain)

d. Follow up on social sciences-organized forum
   i. Thursday, November 10, 2 p.m., Warner Hall 101 Lyceum
   ii. A Degree Works presentation will be available

IV. New Business
   a. Sharepoint Course Proposals
      i. Music
         1. *CD1516295*
         2. *CD1516296*
            a. Discussion of these courses was tabled until Music representatives may be present.
      ii. Social Work
         1. *CD1516384*
            a. Move to approve (Hamer/O’Brien)
            b. Motion passed (unanimous)
         2. *CD1617015*
            a. Motion to approve (Custer/Wilcox)
            b. Motion failed (5 yes, 1 no, 1 abstain)
         3. *CD1617025*
            a. Move to approve (Hamer/Dalton)
            b. Motion passed (unanimous)
      iii. Chemistry
         1. *CD1617020*
            a. Motion to approve (Hamer/Cumello)
            b. Motion passed (unanimous)
         2. *CD1617021*
            a. Motion to approve (Hamer/Pinou)
            b. Motion passed (unanimous)
      iv. Finance
         1. *CD1617018*
            a. Motion to approve (O’Brien/Pinou)
            b. Motion passed (6, 1 abstain)
      v. Theatre Arts
         1. *CD1617027*
            a. Motion to approve (Dalton/Hamer)
b. Motion passed (unanimous)

2. CD1617028
   a. Motion to approve (Hamer/Pinou)
   b. Motion passed (unanimous)

3. CD1617037
   a. Motion to reject (Dalton/Cumello)
   b. Discussion ensued
   c. Vote: 1 to reject motion, 1 to pass motion, 6 abstentions
      i. Course is initially rejected; later discussion shows that Robert’s Rules were not properly followed
      ii. A follow-up discussion will be on the December agenda

vi. Marketing
   1. CD1617039
      a. Motion to approve (Hamer/Pinou)
      b. Motion passed (unanimous)

vii. Management
   1. CD1617043
      a. Motion to approve (Hamer/O’Brien)
      b. Motion failed (5 no, 2 abstain)
   2. CD1617044
      a. Motion to approve (Cumella/Hamer)
      b. Motion failed (6 against, 1 abstain)
   3. CD1617045
      a. Motion to approve (Cumella/Hamer)
      b. Motion failed (4 no, 1 yes with revisions, 2 abstain)

b. Independent Study Tier II Writing Proposal (Ingrid Pruss)
   i. Motion to approve (Dalton/O’Brien)
   ii. Motion passed (unanimous)
   iii. The chair has asked that we take note of this for future discussion.

c. ECO 398 (Faculty Developed Study)
   i. Motion to approve (Pinou/Custer)
   ii. Motion failed (6 yes, 1 no)

d. Volunteer to work on program sheet design
   i. Custer volunteered

e. Taking Stock: A brief discussion of what the Gen Ed Committee needs to accomplish this year.
   i. This discussion will be continued at the December Meeting

Meeting adjourned at 2:45