WCSU Committee on General Education

Minutes

09/02/2016

Members present: Kelli Custer, Stuart Dalton, Bill DeFeo, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, Josie Hamer, Jennifer O'Brien, Dora Pinou

Guests present: Missy Alexander, Keith Gauvin, Shane Murphy, Zuohong Pan, Catherine Vanaria, Rob Whittemore

Recording: Jennifer O'Brien

I. Election of a New Committee Chairperson
   a. Wynn Gadkar Wilcox was nominated (and subsequently accepted the nomination) for position as committee chairperson
   b. Motion to appoint: Custer/DeFeo; all in favor

II. Minutes
   May 6, 2016
   a. Motion to accept: Custer/DeFeo; 5 in favor, 1 abstention

III. Old Business
   a. Sharepoint Course Proposals
      i. EDU
         1. CD1516355 – Tabled until October per request from EDU
         2. CD1516354 – Tabled until October per request from EDU

IV. New Business
   a. Sharepoint Course Proposals
      i. ART
         1. CD1516364
            Motion to accept: Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer; all in favor
         2. CD1516337
            Motion to accept: Custer/DeFeo; all in favor
      ii. MUS
         1. CD1516296
            a. Motion to accept: Hamer/Custer; withdrawn
            b. Motion to postpone indefinitely: Custer/DeFeo; all in favor
      iii. PHI
         1. CD1516373
         2. CD1516370
         3. CD1516369
         4. CD1516368
         5. CD1516367
            Motion to accept all PHI proposals, pending revisions to CD1516373 and CD1516367: Custer/Dalton; 5 in favor, 1 abstention
      iv. PSY
         1. CD1516335
            Motion to accept, pending revision to clarify the activities associated with the Writing Tier II competency outcomes: Dalton/O'Brien; 5 in favor, 1 opposed, 1 abstention
         2. CD1516290
            Motion to accept: Custer/Dalton; all in favor
3. CD1516289  
Motion to accept, pending revision to more specifically address the competency: Dalton/Hamer; all in favor

v. SWK  
1. CD1516389  
Motion to accept: Dalton/Custer; all in favor  
2. CD1516388  
Motion to accept: Hamer/DeFeo; 6 in favor, 1 abstention  
3. CD1516387  
Motion to reject: Custer/Hamer; all in favor  
4. CD1516386  
Motion to reject: Custer/DeFeo; all in favor  
5. CD1516385  
Motion to reject: Dalton/Gadkar-Wilcox; all in favor

vi. THR  
1. CD1617003  
Motion to reject: Dalton/Hamer; all in favor  
2. CD1617002  
Motion to accept: Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer; all in favor  
3. CD1617001  
Motion to accept: Gadkar-Wilcox/Hamer; all in favor

vii. WRT  
1. CD1516342  
Motion to accept: Dalton/Hamer; all in favor

V. Other Business  
a. Recommendation to academic departments submitting course proposals  
i. The committee strongly recommends the attendance of representatives from academic departments when course proposals are submitted for consideration.

b. Ad hoc committees to develop Competency Assessments  
i. Discussion of options for the development of assessments ensued; with recommendation to create committees within those departments offering courses with competency designations;  

ii. The General Education Committee strongly recommends each academic department develop assessments for General Education competencies taught within those departments;  

Further, the Committee recommends open fora to promote ongoing dialogue about the competency assessment process;  

Further, the Committee recommends the University Senate Assessment Committee host these fora, and develop a repository for these assessments.