WCSU Committee on General Education

Minutes

10/07/2016

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

Guests present: Pat Boily, Dennis Dawson, Keith Gauvin, Douglas O’Grady

Recording: Jennifer O’Brien

I. Minutes, September 2, 2016
   a. Motion to accept: Hamer/Dalton; all in favor

II. Announcement
   a. Keith Gauvin spoke briefly about the WRT101 waiver
   b. Students who pass the AP or CLEP test and consequently have their WRT101 requirements waived will be considered to have met the WI competency
   c. Students could then register for W2

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

IV. New Business
   a. Subcommittee/Joint committee with WIC to evaluate study abroad courses for gen ed credit?
      i. Have relied on a department by department approval process in the past
      ii. How will we evaluate these courses vis-à-vis assignment of general education competencies?
      iii. WIC representative may/should participate in this process
      iv. Motion to table discussion until November 2016 in order to allow for discussion with academic departments: Custer/Hamer; all in favor
   b. Policy on having different competencies for different sections of the same course
      i. Provost has spoken with departments who previously submitted course proposals for multiple competency iterations; departments have agreed to withdraw them
      ii. A course number will have to “permanently” correspond with a specific 1 or 2 specific competencies
      iii. Tabled with condition that deans discuss
   c. CS198 course
      i. No clear statement reflecting how the competencies will be met
      ii. Needs to be revised to more specifically address the competencies
      iii. Motion to reject: Custer/Dalton; 6 in favor/1 opposed
   d. Proposal from Social Sciences on co-sponsoring forum on new competencies
      i. SS department would like to host a second open forum to discuss the gen ed competencies, with the Gen Ed committee as co-sponsor
      ii. Gen Ed committee members object to audio recording of any proceedings
iii. Motion to participate as a co-sponsor: Gadkar-Wilcox/Cumella; 3 in favor/2 opposed/3 abstained

e. Sharepoint Course Proposals
   i. PAM
      1. CD1516380
         Motion to accept: Hamer/O’Brien; all in favor
      2. CD1516377
         Motion to accept: Hamer/Custer; all in favor
   ii. BIO
      1. CD1516379
         Motion to accept: Hamer/Custer; all in favor
   iii. CHE
      1. CD1516297
         Motion to approve, pending revision of introductory language to remove mention of lab science, include the catalog description, and merge the 2 documents: Custer/Hamer; all in favor

V. Other Business
   a. Sharepoint Course Proposal
      i. MUS
         1. CD1516296
            a. Doug O'Grady will submit revision to Wynn in preparation for next Gen Ed meeting