WCSU Committee on General Education

Minutes
04/15/2016

Voting members present: Missy Alexander, Kelli Custer, Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox, Keith Gauvin, Theodora Pinou, Monica Sousa, Rebecca Wade-Rancourt.

Absent: Jay Brower, Timothy Wiggins, William DeFeo


I. Minutes – April 1, 2016
Motion: Gadkar-Wilcox, Second: Sousa, Unanimously Approved

II. Old Business
a. Competency language on syllabi (tabled from last meeting)
   The committee discussed whether it is appropriate to require the exact language of the competency definition and learning outcomes on all syllabi. After much discussion of the role of the committee in oversight of the general education curriculum the following motion was made:
   “The General Education Committee recommends that all general education syllabi have the competency designation listed on them.”
   Motion: Pinou, Second: Gadkar-Wilcox, Unanimously approved

b. Sharepoint Course Proposals
   i. SS
      1. CD1516111 (revised)
         It was determined that CD1516111 is not a general education matter. It will be moved forward to CUCAS.
         Motion: Gadkar-Wilcox, Second Wade-Rancourt, Unanimously approved
      2. CD1516112 (revised, documentation attached)
         The revised outlines demonstrate that the course meets competencies for CT and IC.
         Motion: Wade-Rancourt, Second: Custer, Unanimously approved.

III. New Business
a. Fall 2016 Implementation, Advising concerns
   Gadkar-Wilcox initiated discussion of the timing of the launch of the new general education curriculum. Bringing feedback from the Classroom Faculty forum on April 8th, several questions about the readiness of the faculty, advising, and registrar were raised. After discussion of those concerns by the full committee and the guests, Dr. Gadkar-Wilcox introduced the following:
   “Move to delay implementation of the general education curriculum for 1 year.”
   No second was offered. The discussion concluded.

b. Sharepoint Course Proposals
i. HPX
   1. CD1516288
      Approve with clarification of the ethical component of the competency.
      Motion: Gadkar-Wilcox, Second: Custer, unanimously approved.

ii. PHI
    1. CD1516163
    2. CD1516270
    3. CD1516275
    4. CD1516277
    5. CD1516278
    6. CD1516279
    7. CD1516280
    8. CD1516281
    9. CD1516282
   10. CD1516283
   11. CD1516284

   Motion to accept as a package: O’Brien, Second: Alexander, Unanimous
   Gadkar-Wilcox recommended some revision to Islamic Philosophy (CD1516275)
   but this will be done as part of a larger revision of the course. It meets the
   competency assigned.
   Motion: Wade-Rancourt, Second: Pinou, Unanimously approved

iii. WRT
    1. CD1516251
       Motion to approve pending clarification of the term “workshop” in the courses
       aligned with the creative process competency.
       Motion: Alexander, Second: Pinou, Unanimously approved.
    2. CD1516342 (currently in PRC queue, documentation attached)
       Motion: Wade-Rancourt, Second: Sousa, Unanimously approved

c. Transfer Year competency
   There was a brief discussion of developing a TY competency to meet the needs of
   transfer students. This would be an 8 week primarily online course to help students
   understand essential navigation information at WCSU. Transfer students would enroll in
   either FY or TY. Custer will bring a proposal forward.

IV. Other Business
   O’Brien asked for items for the annual report.

Meeting adjourned at 2:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Missy Alexander