Committee on General Education

4/4/2019, 11:00am, Warner 103

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I. Announcements:

II. Minutes: March 2019 Minutes are on the Committee Libguide

III. Course Proposals (Available on Sharepoint or on the Committee Libguide):
   a. Writing: (tabled from last time)
      • CD1819144 - Align Writing 465 to Tier III and CE
   b. Theatre:
      • CD1819173 - THR 2XX Theatre History II for CT
   c. History: (tabled from last time)
      • CD1819074 - HIS 3XX Slavery and Abolition in the Atlantic World for W2
   d. Social Sciences:
      • CD1819150 - SS 400 Multiple Changes for W3 and CE
      • CD1819149 - SS 300 QR Competency & Outline Change for QR
   e. Physics, Astronomy, and Meteorology:
      • CD1718080 - ES 110 Physical Geology; Alignment to Scientific Inquiry Competency for SI

IV. Old Committee Business:
   a. Repetitions of Competencies:
      • Should we change it from 3 to 4 (excluding FY, W, and CE)?
      • Should we be more specific about the repetitions?
      • Report from Keith Gauvin:

         “I sampled 255 students with senior standing having 90 or more earned credits. I eliminated any student who was admitted to prior to the fall 2016 semester and those admitted under the old Gen Ed. The results are:
         47 have met at least 4 competencies at least 2 times.
         33 have met 3 competencies at least 2 times.
         175 have not met the 3 competency requirement any more than 2 times.
         Of course, we have not completed the semester so competencies will not appear for in progress courses and not all of these students will be graduating in May.”
It is interesting to note that there are 18.4% of the senior students with 4 or more competencies being met twice while the juniors have a larger percentage of competencies being met more than twice. That rate is 25.7%. This can be attributed to a larger number of courses with competencies approved. I am sure the committee will not be making any changes to the number of repeat competencies this year and we can certainly run this again after the semester is over.

b. **Faculty Handbook Updates from the Provost – (approved at the last meeting) Final Version**

c. Possible Bylaw Updates: (shamelessly stolen from the MSLP committee) - Revise
   - At the first meeting of the academic year the Committee Chair will distribute the Committee bylaws for review and discussion.
   - In extreme cases, when it is not possible for a committee member to attend in person; attendance and participation for meetings may occur either when members are physically present or via audio/web conferencing (WebEx, Skype, etc.).
   - If all members are physically present for the meeting voting will occur verbally. If meetings are held via audio/web conferencing or if there are some members on web conferencing and others physically present, a roll call vote will be conducted.
   - In the event that a vote is required between meetings an e-mail vote will be conducted and the motion and results of the voting will be recorded in the next meeting minutes.

V. New Business

   a. **QR Assessment Workshop Report**

   b. Request to review the prerequisites for CE courses: Keith has asked us to review the prerequisites for CE courses because, first, it will be difficult from a practical standpoint to make sure that a student has completed at least one exposure to each of the other competencies, and, second, it is not clear that it makes since to require all of them.

VI. Adjourn