Committee on General Education

Minutes for 11/1/2018

Members in Attendance: Patricia Cumella, Matthew Doiron, Robin Gustafson, Thomas Miller, Chuck Rocca, Nathaniel Walker

Guests in Attendance: Patrick Ryan (Writing), Cathy Vanaria (Art), Lauren Feller (Registrar), Stuart Dalton (Philosophy), Joan Palladino (Nursing)

Call to order at 2:33pm on Warner 103

I. Announcements: No particular announcement. There was general appreciation for the libguides Gen Ed page (Thank you Jennifer)

II. Minutes: Motion to approve the October 2018 Minutes (Gustafson/Doiron) approved - 5/0/1

III. Course Proposals: (Available on Sharepoint or on the Committee Libguide):
   a. Motion to approve all the proposals from the Art Department as a package: (Cumella/Doiron) approved - (6/0/0)
      i. CD1819014: Revise course designation for Art 117 Introduction to Digital Photography and add Creative Process Competency
      ii. CD1819005: New Course: Non Western Art History
   b. Motion to approve the proposals regarding WRT 132, 133, & 134: (Gustafson/Walker)
      Patrick Ryan clarified that students in WRT 132 do need to write from perspective of a number of genres. Motion approved - (6/0/0).
      i. CD1819026: To align WRT 133 with Creative Process competencies
      ii. CD1819025: To align WRT 134 with Creative Process competencies
      iii. CD1819023: To align WRT 132 with the Creative Process competency
   c. Motion to approve CD1819060: To align WRT 298 Modes of Research with W2 and IL competencies (Miller/Cumella) It was observed that x98 courses do not need to go through the online course proposal system (sharepoint) Many positive comments, Nathan in particular endorsed the idea that students need to learn specific styles. Motion approved - (6/0/0)
   d. Motion to approve HUM 298: Intro to Cultural Studies for Gen Ed (Walker/Gustafson) Motion approved - (6/0/0)
   e. Motion to approve HUM 298: Alexander the Great & the Hellenistic Age (Gustafson/Doiron) Motion approved - (6/0/0)
   f. Motion to approve HUM 398: Refugees Ancient and Modern (Gustafson/Cumella) Motion approved - (6/0/0)
g. Motion to approve the Music/Music Education Proposals as a group (Gustafson/Walker) 
   Motion approved - (6/0/0) 
   i. CD1819019: MED 340 Alignment with W3 Competency 
   ii. CD1819020: MED 320 Alignment with CE Competency 
   iii. CD1819018: MUS 380 Alignment with W3 and CE Competencies 
   iv. CD1819017: BA in Music Culminating Experience 

h. Motion to approve CD1819045: NUR 375 – WRT 3 and Culminating Gen-Ed Proposal 
   (Cumella/Doiron) Both Patricia and Joan confirmed that there is a significant amount of 
   writing (over 6000 words) and revision/feedback. Motion approved - (6/0/0)

IV. Old Committee Business: 
   a. **Proposal:** Require students to complete four repeat competencies excluding FY, W and 
      CE. 
      
      **Motion to table** until the registrar has run an analysis of how this will actually impact 
      students, in particular programs with significant program requirements. (Miller/Doiron) 
      We request that the registrar complete the analysis by the December meeting. This 
      analysis is important because it will determine if this motion represents a significant 
      change to the general education program or not. Motion to table approved - (6/0/0) 

   a. **Other old business:** Revisit the assessment rotation: Motion to Swap OC and CP 
      (Gustafson/Doiron) Robin feels that this is to help bring attention to CP and 
      the need for these classes sooner rather than later. Motion approved - (6/0/0) 

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V. New Committee Business: 
   a. **Proposal:** Honors Council regarding Competencies and Modes of Inquiry Alignment 
      
      **Motion to table** until December 6th pending departmental discussions 
      (Gustafson/Miller) Motion to table approved - (6/0/0) 

      Nathaniel expressed the opinion that not allowing the honors council to approve its own 
      general education competencies could make it difficult for any of their courses to get 
      approved for general education purposes in a timely fashion especially if it is required 
      that all courses seeking designations must do so by the end of the semester prior to 
      when they run. And, a lack of honors council classes counting for general education 
      credit could make it hard for the students to complete their program in a timely fashion. 
      Finally, historically honors council has enjoyed the privilege approving their own general 
      education designations. 

      Robin expressed concerns that this could impact the mission of the General Education 
      Committee, since it is equivalent to a department deciding on their own designations 
      without the Gen Ed committees input, and then why are we here.
Further discussion focusing on issues of shared governance and historical precedent and time to fit courses in ensued. All involved assured one another that there is no animosity. The next meeting of the Honors Council is on Wednesday November 14th at 12:30pm, concerned members of the Gen Ed Committee are encouraged to attend.

b. Proposal: All courses, regular and FDS, seeking a general education designation must do so prior to the end of the preceding semester. (Gustafson/Cumella) Motion approved – (6/0/0)

Lauren said that it is not clear how often this actually happens. Nathan wondered about other sessions, summer or intersession. Chuck said that the previous semester would still apply. Robin said that this is important because everyone should know ahead of time what designation goes with what course. Really, it should be before registration so end of semester is compromise. After SIS’s were excluded the vote was taken.

c. **DRAFT Proposal:** Students who fail to complete the FY competency in their first year at Western Connecticut State University will be excused from this requirement provided they have successfully completed 24 credit hours and have a GPA of at least 2.0.

Motion to table (Miller/Doiron) Robin said that she thinks the policy already exists and it is 24 credits. Motion to table approved - (6/0/0)

VI. Adjourn (Miller/Others) All were in Favor. Meeting adjourned at 4pm.