

14 February 2013

Chairperson: Ron Picard

Vice Chairperson: TBD

NoteTaker: Amy Lenoce

Attendees: Ed Clancy, Sandra Eddy, Jaime Hammond, Mitch Holmes, Amy Lenoce, Kathryn Lozo, Rita Matozzo, Mirvet Muca, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Joe Ward, Alex Zozulin

Agenda Items:

1. approve of 2-1-7-13 minutes
2. discuss nominations for Vice-chair and Secretary
3. finalize which committee members are overseeing which competencies
4. review applications for mapping course outcomes to competencies

Agenda Item: Approval of 2-7-13 meeting minutes

Presenter- Ron Picard.

Motion- Accept 2-7-13 meeting minutes with changes as stated.

1st. Joe Ward

2nd Jaime Hammond

Discussion: spelling of names

Vote- Yea- all

Agenda Item: Discussion of nominations for Vice-chair

Presenter- Ron Picard

Motion- Accept Richard Gard as Vice-Chair of the GEACC committee.

1st. Katie Lozo

2nd Jim Pronovost

Discussion- Richard volunteered to be Vice Chair at the last meeting. Need to nominate and vote to accept nomination although he is absent from the meeting.

Vote- Yea- all

Agenda Item: Discussion of nominations for Secretary

Presenter- Ron Picard

Motion- Accept Amy Lenoce as Secretary of the GEACC committee

1st. Sandra Eddy

2nd Alex Zozulin

Discussion- Amy Lenoce volunteered to be Secretary

Vote- Yea- all

Agenda Item: Finalize member assignments to each competency

Presenter Ron Picard

Motion- Accept Kate Lozo to represent Quantitative Reasoning, Ren Sharma to represent Scientific Reasoning, Sandra Eddy to represent Critical Analysis/Logical Reasoning, and Jaime Hammond to represent Continued Learning/ Information Literacy.

1st. Katie Lozo

2nd Alex Zozulin

Discussion- Ron told the group Kate and Ren had decided between themselves what competency each would represent. However, as Sandra and Jaime both desired to represent the Continued Learning/ Information Literacy standard, Ron asked them to both present why they would like to represent this competency. Sandra presented what is information literacy in the context of NVCC and the “Digital Divide” that exists among our students. Jaime presented a definition of information literacy as a way to identify and use appropriate information by the students. A vote was held among all members by paper ballot to determine representation for each competency.

Vote to affirm results of balloting - yea- 10 ; abstain- 2

Written Communication- Ron Picard

Oral Communication- Amy Lencoe

Quantitative Reasoning- Kate Lozo

Scientific Reasoning- Ren Sharma

Scientific Knowledge, Alex Zozulin

Critical Analysis/Logical Reasoning- Sandra Eddy

Continued Learning/ Information Literacy- Jaime Hammond

History- Mirvet Muca

Social Phenomena- Joe Ward

Aesthetics- Richard Gard

Ethics- Jim Pronovost

Discussion- Mitch Holmes asked if the BA/BS granting schools (CSU and COSC) will conduct assessment as we are with the common core? Will the BA/BS granting schools (CSU and COSC) have the same common core? Will our students have trouble transferring? Should we be aligning the courses in our common core to transfer to specific institutions (WSCU and SCSU were suggested)? A discussion followed about the legislative laws, role of the common core and of TAPS to create a “seamless” transfer between all schools by 2014.

A second line of discussion began by asking how our common core is connected to the work the other community colleges are engaging in currently. Ron explained the framework of the 11 competencies and outcomes is accepted by all CONSCU schools, except Tunxis and Northwestern CC who have voted to not accept the competencies. We are determining what courses will fulfill each competency. Our 30 credit General Education core will be our TAPs Common Core. Over top of that will be the TAP pathways for students transferring from an AS/AA to a BS/BA degree in the same area (i.e. as in Criminal Justice at NVCC to a BA in Criminal Justice at WCSU). It was asked what would happen if there were classes that were in the TAP pathway that were not in the common core?

Discussion –Ron identified what we will do at our next meeting.

Agenda:

1. Review application for mapping course outcomes to competencies
2. Review substitute voters for each committee member
3. Discuss need to create a webpage for the committee

Motion to Adjourn made by Jaime Hammond

Adjourned: 2:10 pm

Next Meeting- 02/21/13 K715
