

28 March 2013

Chairperson: Ron Picard

Vice Chairperson: Richard Gard

Note Taker: Jaime Hammond (for Amy Lenoce)

Attendees: Sandra Eddy, Jaime Hammond, Bonnie Goulet, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Joe Ward, Alex Zozulin, Ed Clancy

Agenda Items:

1. approve of 3-21-13 minutes
2. Evaluate applications for designated courses

Agenda Item: Approval of 3-21-13 meeting minutes

Presenter- Ron Picard.

Motion- Accept 3-21-13 meeting minutes

1st Joe Ward

2nd Jim Pronovost

Discussion- none

Vote- Yea- Jaime Hammond, Bonnie Goulet, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Joe Ward, Alex Zozulin, Ed Clancy

Abstentions: Sandra Eddy

Agenda Item: Designation of Section B Competencies

Presenter- Ron Picard

Discussion- What competencies should be designated as Section B competencies

The group needs to decide what competencies will be Section B (designated) and Section C (embedded). Ron stated that we should not choose something from Section A so that we don't end up with a lot of embedded competencies (which will be an administrative headache for the advising and registrar). Bonnie asked how we will track and advise students about embedded courses, and there was a general consensus that it will be tough, and every effort to make it simple for students and faculty/staff alike should be made.

The group looked at what other schools decided and there was no common consensus among the other community colleges. They then looked at the NVCC General Education courses to see if we could easily choose based on how our gen ed fits into the system competencies. It was agreed that Oral Communication should be one of the Section B competencies in order to match up with the NVCC gen ed, but the second course was less clear. The group then looked at Information Literacy/Continuing Learning and Critical Analysis as potentials for the other choice, based on the higher number of applications for designated classes in those two areas, with the thought that more designated classes would equal more ways for students to easily satisfy those requirements.

The group then looked at assessment of those competencies to see if ease of assessment would contribute to the decision. There was a discussion about the status of the rubrics, which have not yet been issued.

After more discussion/debate, J. Ward suggested a vote. J. Hammond asked for an extension to allow time for research and to hear the voice of the other absent committee members. E. Clancy asked about course substitutions and the path to graduation, and S. Eddy suggested that registrar/CAPSS make recommendations even though they are not voting members of GEACC. B. Goulet reminded the group that whatever we decide needs to be very clear so as to not impact students' ability to graduate.

Motion- To table the vote until the 4/4/13 meeting

1st Jaime Hammond

2nd Alex Zozulin

Vote- Yea- Jaime Hammond, Sandra Eddy, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Alex Zozulin

Nay- Joe Ward

Abstentions: None

Note: Beth Warriner will be Joe Ward's alternate

Motion to Adjourn made by Alex Zozulin

Adjourned: 2:10 pm

Next Meeting- 04/04/13 K715
