

GEACC Meeting Notes

Chairperson: Ron Picard

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Secretary: Amy Lenoce (sabbatical)

Attendees: Beth-Ann Scott, Sandra Eddy, Katie Lozo, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Jaime Hammond, Burton Tedesco, Pete Benzi, Joe Ward, Alex Zozulin, Dean Irene Rios-Knauf, Patti Pallis, Lindsey Hollister, Ben Mattheis

General Education Meeting 11-20-14

The meeting was called to order by R. Picard at 1:12pm

1. Approval of 11-6-14 minutes

Motion to approve: Katie Lozo

Seconded: Pete Benzi

Vote: Unanimous

2. Dr. Judith Summerfield Luncheon/Presentation

Dr. Summerfield emailed Ron her speech and 15 recommendations for the committee to consider. Ron will distribute her comments by email. The committee members discussed developing workshops with faculty and students on general education and what it means to both groups.

3. Meeting with Sandra Valente DARC Pathway

Discussion tabled.

4. Ethical Dimensions

Ron addressed the BSS faculty if they would consider submitting PSY111 for approval for the ethics competency. Faculty said they would submit some of their courses.

Ron will be meeting with Donna Marotti on Economics to be approved as a course for the Ethics competency.

Jaime Hammond and Sandra Eddy argued that Continuing Learning/Information Literacy may be the better partner for Ethics. After discussion, the committee agreed that we would reach out to faculty with courses in the Continuing Learning/Information Literacy competency to see if they would apply for Ethics.

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5. PHL 101

Ron met with Wade Tarzia to consider PHL 101 for the written communication competency. Prof. Tarzia would like the course removed from the Aesthetic Dimensions competency.

6. Written Communication course enrollment caps

Ron Picard had a brief discussion with Dean Rios-Knauf on lowering the cap on several 100 level Written Communication courses (i.e. ENG 101, ART 101). The cap would not be lowered on 200 level courses. The current cap is 27 in English 101, but the courses in the Arts Department are much higher. After discussion, we agreed that the goal should be a cap of 27 for all 100 level Written Communication courses during the spring 2015 semester. Future meetings and discussions will be held to review the cap on classes and consider lowering the maximum number of students per class.

7. FIRC Meeting

Ron summarized for the committee members discussions held at the recent FIRC meeting.

- Nursing and College of Technologies will not be part of TAP pathway.
- Enrollment in Pathways will begin in the Fall 2016 semester.
- Interim BOR Provost will be announced after the Thanksgiving break and will not assume the role until January. A search for a permanent provost will take a year.
- WCSU has started working with the community colleges for transfer. They plan to have their competency based General Education requirements in place by Fall 2016. These requirements will be mapped to the TAP Framework
- Only NVCC has its general education curriculum at 30 – 31 credits. Several CSCU colleges announced their general education credits will be 21 -24 credits.
- Ron discussed that the NVCC GEACC may want to consider providing exemptions to the required number of general education credits for terminal degree programs.

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8. Continuing Learning and Information Literacy Course Applications—Jaime Hammond

Jaime presented the applications for DAT101 Introduction to Digital Arts and MUS218 Electronic Music Composition to be included as a course for Continuing Learning and Information Literacy. Discussion included that DAT218 is the same course as MUS218 with a different course title.

Motion to approve DAT101, MUS 218, DAT 218 in Continuing Learning and Information Literacy

Motion: Beth Ann Scott
Second: Sandra Eddy
Approved: Unanimously

9. Motion to adjourn

Motion: Katie Lozo
Vote: Unanimous

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

Respectfully submitted,
James Pronovost