

GEACC Meeting Notes

Chairperson: Ron Picard

Vice Chairperson: Vacant

Secretary: Amy Lenoce

Attendees: Ed Clancy, Sandra Eddy, Ron Picard, Jim Pronovost, Burton Tedesco, Joseph Ward, Alex Zozulin, Pete Benzi, Katie Lozo, Beth-Ann Scott, Antony Wormack

General Education Meeting 9-18-14

1. Approval of 9-11-14 minutes

First: Beth-Ann Scott

Second: Joe Ward

Vote: Agreed: Ron, Jim, Joe, Alex, Pete, Beth-Ann

Abstain: Katie

Not yet present: Sandra, Burton

2. Discussion about Program Modification Workshop

Ron noted that all program coordinators (or representatives) were in attendance at the workshop except for 4. Meetings have been set up with two of these. He is just waiting to hear back from Jim Branciforte and Sandra Valente, but Sandra has been working with him on her program modification for a few months.

The automotive program may have an issue with fitting in a second science course. The coordinator has agreed to look at the program courses to see if they meet any of the science outcomes. After a good faith effort, if any coordinators still feel they cannot meet all General Education requirements, they will need to apply to GEACC for an exemption with valid reasoning.

All programs exceeding 60 credits will also have to provide justification to the BOR.

3. Update on TAP FIRC Meeting

Three Rivers, Norwalk, Naugatuck Valley, and Tunxis have adopted TAP as their college's general education. Gateway is currently in discussions.

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It was agreed upon at the meeting that pathways committees need to be as flexible as possible when considering competencies. Students need *any* course in a competency unless it can be proven that a specific course is necessary.

The proposed TAP articulation with SCSU liberal education program was discussed. Other CSUs will be creating similar documents.

4. Transform 2020

There was a community meeting on September 17th to discuss Transform 2020. Provost Gargano said student assessment data will not be used to compare institutions but rather as a baseline for each institution which they will be responsible for improving upon.

It was also mentioned that schools should continue moving forward with TAP.

Another outcome will be that students will be able to cross register at all community colleges in the system. The question that was brought up is what this will do to the residency requirement for graduation from a specific institution.

5. CEAC Meetings

Joe Ward will be the GEACC's representative on the CEAC committee. He will ask whether CEAC wants a representative to sit in on GEACC meetings.

6. Presentation/Luncheon with Judith Summerfield

Ron is meeting with the President and Dean to determine whether there is funding available for hosting a book discussion/luncheon with Judith Summerfield.

7. Oral Communication Assessment Plan

We briefly looked over the communication department's oral communication assessment plan. Once we receive the assignment instructions from Beth-Ann, we will look more closely at the plan and hold

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a vote.

8. LAS Program Modification

The issue with LAS and General Studies is that they do not belong to a specific division. We discussed whether we can submit directly to CEAC or whether approval is needed from every division that has a course in LAS/General Studies before going to the CEAC. Ron will check with the Dean.

9. Meeting location has been changed to S517 from now on.

Meeting adjourned: 2:10 p.m.

Submitted

Katie Lozo for Amy Lenoce (sabbatical leave)