Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
September 28, 2016
SF 329
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Eric Fricke, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Caron Inouye, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Maureen Scharberg, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik.
Absent: Yi Karnes.
Guests: none.

The Convener (Watnik) called the meeting to order at 2:05.

1. Introductions. Members introduced themselves.

2. Election of Chair and Secretary. Glass was nominated for chair and was approved by acclamation. Watnik was nominated for secretary and was approved by acclamation.

3. Reports

   a. General Education Director. Inouye deferred to Scharberg who said that there were well over 100 courses already posted in Curriculog. Some were sent back because of insufficient information. She noted that only one course has been sent for A3. Most B3 courses are attached to B1 or B2; only 1 was B3 only. A B3 course may stand alone, provided B1 or B2 is a prerequisite. Dean Scharberg was asked whether her office should send back courses for “lack of evidence”. There was discussion about numbers of courses for each area. Another question was whether GE can have more than 3 units; the answer was “yes” (but it has to be fixed; it can’t be “3 or 4 variable units”). There was discussion about whether courses (and how many) have yet to apply. Subcommittee members suggested that there be a deadline for the 2018-19 GE/Overlay applications. There was consensus that Sarah Aubert should be invited to inform subcommittee members how overlays are applied for and how a new course could be applied for GE and/or Overlay.

   b. Semester Conversion. Nobody from semester directors was present. There was a question late in the meeting about reassigned time for the year.

4. Business

   a. Planning for course review. There was discussion about strategies. Initially, the subcommittee decided to try to do the review by department, rather than by area. Next week, there will be English and
Math courses. There was consensus that there would be working groups / “first readers” for each area, as noted last year. There was a discussion about the deadline for applications. The idea of getting them to the subcommittee by the end of the quarter. This was deferred until next week, as the deferral won’t affect the timing of Senate considerations.

b. From the Floor.

5. Adjournment. (M Watnik/S Scharberg/P). The meeting was adjourned at 3:38. The next meeting is October 5.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary