CIC Subcommittee, Cultural and Women’s Groups

Meeting Minutes, Wednesday Nov. 12, 2014, VBT 311, 2-3:30 pm

In attendance:
Mitch Watnik, Chair of CIC – convening meeting of subcommittee
Eileen Barrett (English)
Nicholas Baham (Ethnic Studies)
Sara Smith (Human Development and Women’s’ Studies)
Jung Yu (Economics)
Michele Korb (Teacher Education, Science)

Absent:
Cristian Gaedicke

1. Mitch Watnik explained that he was called to convene this CIC Subcommittee to elect a chair of the committee and a secretary. He also explained the charge from the umbrella committee (CIC) to this subcommittee: Recommend to CIC by mid-Winter 2015 term the requirements in GE for Cultural Groups and Women (CGW) curriculum. When considering the shift from terms to semesters, should these requirements continue as they are or change to accommodate for new semester structures?

2. The subcommittee agreed to have Eileen Barrett serve as chair until the Spring 2015 term. At that point, Nicholas Bahan will assume the chair position.

3. The Subcommittee is to poll departments on campus that provide GE curriculum related to CGW. In this poll, the departments will be asked how each of their courses offered meet the 4 Student Learning Outcomes related to CGW. Eileen Barrett will poll the departments for input by the end of the Fall 2014 term. The poll may also consider questions such as, “What aspects of the curriculum is important to keep, revise or discontinue?” “Are there courses from various departments that can be co-taught?” Polling the departments appeared to be a more informative way of gathering information instead of simply gathering syllabi to make decisions or recommendations. The survey will also ask, “How can we support your views for continuing your courses or in adapting/ re-envisioning them for change?”

4. It was suggested that Sally Murphy attend (or a representative from GE) the next meeting to advise the subcommittee on this topic.

5. The committee also suggested that a matrix of courses and SLO’s be created to see where redundancy or gaps exist in the curriculum.


Meeting adjourned: 3:30 pm