Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
February 24, 2014  
LI 2250  
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm  

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Jennifer Eagan, Zach Hallab, Howard Lei, Bijan Mashaw, Sally Murphy (Chair), Sarah Nielsen, Christian Roessler, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik  
Absent: James Mitchell, Donna Wiley.  
Guests: none.  

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:08.  

1. Approval of minutes from last meeting  

2. Report on GE Assessment project  
The Chair reported on the overview and continuation of the assessment project that the subcommittee dealt with at its last meeting. The subcommittee might need to see some example assignments from prospective courses for critical thinking certification most particularly.  

3. Courses for review  
a. Courses currently approved for GE now reviewing for on-line/hybrid  
HIST 1015 and 1016 M/S/P (Soules/Mashaw). There were some discussion about best practices (in particular, that dates should be readily specified in advance and specific office hours complying with policy), but others pointed out that such is not within the purview of the subcommittee. The subcommittee reiterated the mandate that GE courses have the appropriate learning outcomes are on the syllabus.  

PHIL 3311 M/S (Mashaw/Bliss). There were concerns about the oral communications portion of the course. Motion to table, pending resolution of the oral component of the syllabus M/S/P (Bliss/Nielsen).  
b. New courses for review  
The applications for CHEM 1610 and 1615 were postponed to the next meeting so that Chemistry could be represented.  

4. International freshman cluster and discussion of composition courses for international students  
The Chair described proposals that include English as a second language arising under the clusters and counting for baccalaureate credit.  

5. Discussion of Service Learning requirement in GE
The Chair asked whether service learning might be added as a component of the sophomore courses, possibly as a requirement within general education. She explained that this would be an “overlay” (analogous to cultural groups and women) so that it does not mean more units.


Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary