Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
January 26, 2015  
LI 2250  
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Jennifer Eagan, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Linda Ivey, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sally Murphy, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik  
Absent: none.  
Guests: Eileen Barrett, John Hornfeld (AVP of Undergrad Studies at Sonoma State and GE external reviewer), Glen Perry.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:06.

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Glass/S Liberti/P)

2. Approval of the minutes of Jan. 12. (M Soules/S Glass/P). There was an abstention. The date was changed to 2015 and phrasing of the section on questions would include “such as...”.

3. New Business  
   a. Applications for GE Credit  
      i. ART/ COMM/ MUS/ THEA 2269 Arts and Media in the Golden State for C1-3. (M Bliss/S Hallab/ )  
         There was discussion about the course cap (whether it meant 120 students total or really 120 students each for 480 students for the common meeting). The subcommittee postponed this until the next meeting so that the chair can invite a representative to discuss this and other issues.

   b. GE outside reviewer. John Hornfeld was introduced by Sally Murphy and subcommittee members introduced themselves. Hornfeld was invited to discuss some of the issues Sonoma State has and how those compare to East Bay’s. He indicated that their “clusters” are more varied than ours, but all originate from the programs/departments. In Sonoma’s case, there is more drop-off between sophomore and junior (as opposed to ours being more between freshman and sophomore). He described a pilot sophomore program “thinking as a social scientist”, hosted by the school of social science. There is a coordinator, who is funded by a system-wide grant. The course (which currently is not a GE course) has a research component. This course has expanded to arts and humanities. The courses have large caps and have peer facilitators. At the end, there is a research session for the students. The school of science and technology is proposing (in conjunction with the school of business) an analogous course. These courses get at “what do we do in the disciplines” and has the effect of helping students choose majors.
c. Semester meetings. The Provost will attend the last part of the meeting next time. Times were set and assignments were made online, however the subcommittee decided to postpone for a week. There was consensus that invitations (like those of the ILO subcommittee) should be distributed. The subcommittee will meet next week concurrently to CIC.

4. Old Business - none

5. Adjournment. (M Glass/S Eagan/P). The meeting was adjourned at 3:59.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary