Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
October 27, 2014
SA 4302
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Paul Carpenter, Zach Hallab, Yi Kepler, Sally Murphy (acting Chair), Mitchell Watnik
Guests: none.

The acting Chair called the meeting to order at 2:07.

1. Introductions / Leadership selection.
   Members present introduced themselves.
   Jennifer Eagan was elected Chair.
   Mitch Watnik was elected Recorder.
   Sally Murphy will act as Chair today.

2. Approve the Agenda (M Carpenter/S Satin/P).

3. Semesters
   a. Charge from CIC. Watnik noted that CIC has asked the subcommittee to inform the Committee and Senate as to what GE requirements are absolutely required and what optional GE requirements should be recommended to the faculty. Murphy gave a broader overview, including describing the AACU LEEP Outcomes.
   b. Murphy distributed packets including Chancellor’s Executive Order 1065 (regarding general education requirements). Murphy encouraged the subcommittee to hold public forums to seek input from all faculty members as to how the optional GE requirements should be enacted. Murphy pointed out that, under quarter campuses, areas B, C, and D should have 18 units required in lower division. Since that doesn’t work in the 4 units per class structure, the campus decided 20 units for area B and the “extra” 2 units from C and D were moved to area G.
   c. Liberal arts skills “prized by employers”. Murphy discussed how a long-term study indicated that, by age 50, liberal arts/humanities majors earn the same as those in STEM majors.
   d. See a.

4. GE Five-Year Review. The self-review is posted at http://www20.csueastbay.edu/faculty/senate/files/capr/13-14-5yr-reviews/13-14-ge-5-yr-review-incomplete-draft.pdf. Murphy noted that the
external review is coming in January. John Cornfeld (check this name) from Sonoma State is the external reviewer. Some issues in the review include the general studies instructional corps are not members of any department, courses that both count as upper division major and GE requirements, 2 departments owning 60% of the GE in CLASS,

5. Consideration of critical thinking assessment from last year. Murphy summarized the assessments from last year and asked that the subcommittee call upon the Critical Thinking Subcommittee to provide action on the assessment. (M Hallab / S Satin/P)

6. Assessment of Diversity and Social Justice. (M Satin/S Kepler/P) to call upon the Cultural Groups/Women Subcommittee.

7. Proposal to place a moratorium on GE applications. (M Watnik/S Satin/P)

8. Adjournment (M Watnik/S Bliss/P).

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary