Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
February 23, 2015  
LI 2250  
2:00 pm – 3:50 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Jennifer Eagan, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sally Murphy, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik  
Absent: Linda Ivey.  
Guests: Nick Baham, Eileen Barrett, Jean Moran, Glen Perry, Diana Wakimoto, Meiling Wu.

The Chair called the meeting to order at 2:09.

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

2. Approval of the minutes of Feb. 9. (M Soules/S Watnik/P). The special meeting next week will be in SA 2200A. Also, Eagan noted that she will be unable to attend the meeting on March 30 and we will therefore require an acting chair on that day.

3. New Business
   a. MLL 3812 Modern Japanese Short Stories in English Translation for C4. (M Murphy/S Liberti/ P)  
      Wu explained the availability and context of the course, including reading short stories and viewing relevant movies (providing some visual context). Most of the stories used are contemporary to the authors’ times.

   b. Discussion of next year’s committee workload. Questions about the timeline for GE ensued. Glass noted that a hard deadline would be important so as not to have continual proposals and allow programs to drag. There was consideration of meeting weekly the next academic year. There was discussion of timing of proposals, including when clusters would fit in the picture. Perry noted that there is a policy saying that the courses need to be sent out to the community colleges for articulation, though subcommittee members noted that there practice isn’t really occurring now. The question was posed as to whether there was the ability to exceed the COBRA 2 recommendations. Barrett said that the Semester Directors are planning to present the budget to the Executive Committee tomorrow. The consensus was that GE should ask for 12 units per member last year.

   c. Discussion of results of GE Conversations and Survey. Murphy handed out summaries of the worksheets and of the discussions. The latter were compiled from notes taken by Ivey and Murphy. There were roughly 60 people total. There was discussion about the
institutional learning outcomes and posting those in all classrooms. There was additional discussion regarding innovative practices and funding those practices. The discussion was truncated for the time certain 3c.

d. Discussion of Sustainability in GE. Barrett introduced the current discussions in the Cultural Groups and Women subcommittee. That subcommittee might soon propose requiring upper division GE be themed to have “social justice and equity”, “diversity and multiculturalism”, and “sustainability” courses. Moran spoke regarding a system-wide effort regarding sustainability and that, in fact, some campuses have minors titled “sustainability” (at Chico, the minor has over 500 students and is considered impacted). She noted that sustainability is multi-disciplinary (going well beyond the sciences).

4. Old Business - none

5. Adjournment. (M Glass/S Liberti/P). The meeting was adjourned at 3:57.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary