Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee  
January 25, 2016  
SF 329  
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Eric Fricke, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Aline Soules, Mitchell Watnik.
Absent:
Guests: Eileen Barrett, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:05. She asked the subcommittee members to introduce themselves to the new member.

Diane Satin died and we observed a moment of silence.

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Soules/S Liberti/P) A moment of silence was observed for Diane Satin.
2. Approval of the minutes (M Liberti/S Nielsen/P). Barrett should have been listed as a guest, not a member.
3. Reports
   a. Chair. Glass noted that 15-16 CIC 20 had its first reading at the Senate and that the Senate Chair asked senators to email the senate listserv and the subcommittee chair with any suggested amendments.
   b. GE Director. Not present / no report.
   c. Semesters. Barrett noted that funding is being reviewed for GE course proposals. She was asked about Singley’s status, now that he has been named Dean (effective Feb. 15) and said currently there is no change.

4. Business:
   a. Senate suggestions. Glass introduced the matter by soliciting ideas on how to handle Senate ideas and processes. The document belongs to the Senate, not the subcommittee or parent committee at this point in time. Calvo discussed the Senate discussion. She cited the comment about the document having some “word salad” (with numerous writers in the subcommittee and not having the ability to review critically later on after a period of thought). She also cited the lack of feedback received from the campus community during the process. Glass noted that, if the new outcomes are not passed by the Senate, the old outcomes will persist. She reiterated the intent of the subcommittee was inclusiveness. If suggestions in the Senate have parts that were not part of the subcommittee’s intent, they might be detrimental and argued that such proposals should seek subcommittee comment. Soules reinforced the inclusiveness of the outcomes overall and criticized one of the comments as being too focused on the commenter’s areas. The subcommittee viewed the PowerPoint presentation that was drafted up by Glass.
b. Overlay Outcomes. The subcommittee had discussions about potential overlay outcomes. A google doc was created to facilitate work and consideration.

5. Adjournment. (M Soules/S Bliss/P). The subcommittee adjourned at 4:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary