GE Subcommittee
Nov. 30, 2015
Present: Mitch Watnik (Chair, pro tem), Zach Hallab, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Nancy Thompson
Guests: Tom Hird, Glen Perry

Approval of the agenda: Diane/Yi/passed

Approval of the minutes: Diane/Yi/passed with one spelling correction, Glen Perry, and one abstention.

Reports

Chair is absent—no report.

Glen Perry expressed concern regarding the timeline of this committee because the call for submission of courses for GE is out, but faculty are awaiting the learning outcomes in order to submit and there is concern about how much delay will be involved.

No report from the GE Director.

Discussion of Tom Hird’s comments/suggestions

There was extensive discussion of pre-requisites.
Mitch proposed that A1-A3 be explicitly stated as pre-requisites for C4 and D4. Seconded: Diane Satin. Passed with one abstention.

We then discussed “advanced writing” in conjunction with class caps. Moved Nancy/seconded Rita to set the word count at 4,000 and the class cap at 30. Passed.

There was a discussion of “percentages” of “activity” vs. “discussion/lecture”, but committee members opposed applying that level of rigidity.

Continuing Discussion

Once C4 was determined, we replicated the introduction in D4.

We discussed B6, particularly pre-requisites B1-4. Most have B4, but the issue arose, again, about how long articulation takes with our transfer students. Nancy thought that it would necessarily be a problem when we move to semesters and articulation becomes easier. Mitch moved that B1-4 be set as pre-requisites for B6. Seconded by Diane. Passed.

We also discussed caps for B6 and also the current stricture that B6 is only a service course and not to be taken for credit by majors.
We looked at Julie’s comment on Area A2, suggesting it be restricted explicitly to English 1001. It was decided not to be explicit that this is a monopoly. The suggestion was rejected.

In Area E, Rita moved that “physical activity” be changed to “physical literacy.” Seconded by Nancy. Rita explained that this is the growing trend. Passed.

Meeting on Dec. 7

Discussion of preamble and finalization of E.O. 1100 preparatory to moving the GE outcomes forward.

Still remaining: overlays, ILOs, etc.

Meeting adjourned.