Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
December 7, 2015
LI 2250
2:00 pm – 6:00 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Nancy Thompson, Mitchell Watnik.
Absent: Zach Hallab.
Guests: Tom Hird, Glen Perry, Mark Robinson, Sophie Rollins.

The Chair (Glass) called the meeting to order at 2:00

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Soules/S Satin/P) The agenda was amended to explicitly list discussion of cross-listing and a report on the progress of GE documents in the Senate.
2. Approval of the minutes (M Satin/S Watnik/P).
3. Reports
   a. GE Director. No report.
   b. Semesters. Perry asked whether the subcommittee might recommend using language other than 3 units, as students transferring from a quarter campus will not have the equivalent of 3 semester units.
   c. Chair. The Chair deferred to the CIC Chair (Watnik), who told the subcommittee that the background information from the cluster proposal was struck within the Senate. Glass asked whether the GE Subcommittee has been/will be charged with defining the structure of clusters. Watnik said that he will ask CIC to issue that charge.

4. Old Business:
   a. Preamble. There was discussion about wording for unit requirements, per the semester report above. The subcommittee decided to say “3 semester units” and add a note recommending seeing an advisor if they are transferring from a quarter-based campus.
   b. Finalization of EO 1100.
      i. Area A. There was a slight change to A1, having to do with listening (which was deemed equivalent to “participate in and practice oral communication”). There was also discussion about A2 being necessarily a composition course in English. The subcommittee choose to leave the language as it was, with the foreknowledge that other departments’ proposals would not likely be approved.
      ii. Introduction statement for B6. Glass noted that one of her colleagues was discouraged from submitting a proposal from the Math Department, as the feeling of some subcommittee members at the time was that “sciences” meant “life and physical sciences.” (M Thompson/S Nielsen/P) to remove B1-B4 as prerequisite to B6. There will be a note in the “preamble” about upper division standing to take upper division GE.
iii. Area C. There was some debate over C3 and whether activity meant classification. The subcommittee felt it didn’t have to have physical activity (such as creative writing). Some wording changes occurred. There was discussion about the enrollment cap for C4.

iv. Area D.

v. Preamble. There was considerable discussion and restructuring of the existing preamble. The subcommittee reached consensus. Soules said that she would assemble the documents into one single document.

vi. (M Thompson/S Bliss/P) to accept the principles of the area outcomes and preamble and forward to CIC.

5. New Business. The subcommittee did not get to the rest of the agenda.

6. Adjournment. (M Thompson/S Nielsen/P). The subcommittee adjourned at 5:36 PM. The Chair thanked the members for their willingness to have the long meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary