Minutes of the General Education Subcommittee
September 28, 2015
LI 2250
2:00 pm – 4:00 pm

Present: Lawrence Bliss, Luz Calvo, Julie Glass, Zach Hallab, Yi Karnes, Rita Liberti, Sarah Nielsen, Diane Satin, Aline Soules, Nancy Thompson, Mitchell Watnik.
Absent: none.
Guests: Eileen Barrett, Mike Hedrick, Glen Perry, Jason Singley.

The Convener (Watnik) called the meeting to order at 2:02

1. Approval of the agenda. (M Soules/S Bliss/P) Soules requested that status of GE policy recommendation be placed on the agenda. Done without objection. Subcommittee members introduced themselves, as did guests.

2. Election of Chair and Recorder. By acclamation, Glass was elected as chair. Watnik was elected as recorder by acclamation.

3. Reports
   a. GE Director. Thompson discussed her new role as GE director. She asked whether there would be changes to the GE proposal forms. Watnik said that they would.
   b. Semesters. Barrett welcomed the subcommittee back and thanked members for their work. Singley noted that the directors requested that ExCom send a referral to the subcommittee to clarify the learning outcomes for the GE areas. Singley then outlined the proposed GE funding model. For an “adaptation” of a major course that would have GE approval, there would be a 0.1 WTU funding. Conversion would garnered a 0.2 WTU. Transformation or new courses would get 1 WTU. All of these types would require GE/graduation requirement (GR) proposals as deliverables. For new or transformed courses, detailed syllabi will also be required.

4. Old Business:
   a. Course Approvals FIN 2300. There was discussion about the lack of documentation. M Soules/S Bliss /P to table until proposal materials are brought the subcommittee.
   b. Status of GE Documents. 14-15 CIC 40 is in front of CIC (not ExCom, despite what was noted on the webpage. Soules requested that CIC 40 be corrected to note that LIBY 1210 be 2 units, not 1 unit.
   c. Semesters.
      i. WSS document. The subcommittee asked numerous questions about the WSS document. In particular, there is a clause called “GWAR course” which suggests that upper division GE courses may apply to be such a course, provided it has a significant writing component. Nielsen and Thompson explained that this is a proposal to allow these courses to be analogous to the WST. The proposal process would allow a course to do this for...
one year and then be renewed for up to 3 years. Nielsen explained that currently first tier courses are “group graded” (2 or 3 people from multiple disciplines score the papers), but second tier courses are graded by the instructor, “with support from others”. The proposed GWAR course would be an instructor decision. Thompson elaborated that the GWAR course would allow students to satisfy the UWSR from within the discipline. M Bliss/S Liberti/P to table, pending information from Margaret Rustick.

ii. M Glass/S Watnik/P to meet first and third Mondays 4-6.

iii. GE Outcomes. Glass had sent a document to subcommittee members trying to map GE areas to ILOs. Soules suggested that GE also be mapped to WASC Outcomes.

iv. Overlays. There was long discussion centered about the overlays. Watnik said that he was going to propose that GE become a graduation requirements subcommittee. Others, particularly Calvo, argued that the CGW subcommittee be preserved. Glass noted that this is a discussion for CIC and recommended that subcommittee members attend CIC next year.

v. First year experience. There was some discussion about 14-15 CIC 40, which is up for consideration by CIC.

5. New Business. None

6. Adjournment. The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 3:42 and noted that the subcommittee will meet next week (October 5) at 4 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Mitchell Watnik, subcommittee secretary