

# 2015-2016 General Education Committee Minutes

Wednesday, Dec. 2, 2015

2-3 p.m.

Peace Garden

**Members present:** Mike Christoffers, Marie Bosley Gordon, Robert Gordon, Kay Hopkins, Joe Mike Jones, Larry Peterson, Dale Sullivan, Amy Rupiper Taggart, Beth Twomey, Justin Wageman, David Wells, and Charlene Wolf-Hall

**Unable to attend:** Rosalinda Connelley, RaNelle Ingalls, Chengwen Sun, and Aaron Vipond

Recorder: Kelly Hoyt

## Agenda

1. Approve minutes from meeting on 11-18-15 – Process on page 2, discipline experts (instead of disc experts). Change sensitivity to sensitively. Approved with changes.
2. Recommendations from Student Petitions Subcommittee: Amy, Larry, Marie, RaNelle. [student's initials (last name first)].

Student's Initials	Request	Subcommittee Recommendation	Committee Decision
M,N1	Request A Post-traumatic Society course substitute into the Social and Behavioral Science Category.	N, need syllabus	Denied.
M,N2	Request Communication and Information Theories course substitute into the Social and Behavioral Science Category.	Y	Approved.
N,S	Based on Handbook blanket substitution #3 no evidence in R&R exist that INTL 379 Discover Mexico course was approved for GP.	Y	Approved.

3. RELS course proposal: Islam, Christianity, Blankenship
  - Anne changed the category
  - Larry moved to approve these courses. David seconded. Motion passed.
    - Amy asked if Marie could give students enrolled in Islam course this semester the credit/choice.
4. Spring leadership transition
  - Amy is going to be working for the Office of Teaching and Learning and will no longer be the General Education Director and this position has been dissolved. Since this is a faculty senate committee, it would make sense to have a faculty member be the chair or coordinator of this committee.
    - Dale asked if the duties/tasks that Amy does, would that be dispersed amongst the committee or would the chair/coordinator take on those items.
      - Amy said that is something that the committee would have to determine.
    - Dale asked if the chair was chosen/appointed by Faculty Senate or by this committee.
      - Amy said that she would have to see what the by-laws say, but she thinks that the committees each elect their own chair.

- Amy said she spoke with Charlene prior to the meeting and they both feel that having a faculty leader would be good but Charlene would assist if necessary. Charlene said she's here to help but it's a faculty senate committee so what they want, goes.
- Larry pointed out that Sharepoint is being looked at to create templates to review course submissions and if that happens, it would be one less task that the GE chair would be responsible for, that they have taken care of in the past.
- Charlene asked if there was any talk about getting this in the Courseleaf system.
  - Amy said that since the model was coming through about the time of the set-up of Courseleaf, they decided not to build that in because they weren't sure that was going to remain stable. She said her understanding is that you can attach documents, but there isn't a Gen Ed module within CIM, but it may be added down the line.
  - Amy said she gets an email saying that there is a course to be reviewed.
- Mike reminded the committee that he will be coming off the committee in the spring semester and Marion will be returning (he has just been filling in), so he's off the hook 😊.
- Options are:
  - Ask Marion to see if she is interested in facilitating the meetings.
  - Have Charlene kind of take over for one semester and then revisit in the fall who will chair the committee.
    - Charlene said in her position, she is not supposed to lead, but she can help manage and coordinate stuff for the meeting.
  - Charlene suggested possibly have co-chairs that could work together on facilitating meetings.
- David motioned to have Amy reach out to Marion to see if she would be willing to take over as Chair of this committee. Mike seconded. Motion passed.

5. Reminder: Cancel Dec. 16 meeting (finals week)

6. Long-term planning priorities discussion – there was some brief discussion about the topics below but they are things that would need to be addressed once the new chair/meeting facilitator takes over.
- Changing the language from GE to something more like core or essential or foundations, to overcome the “general” bias
  - How do we: 1- think of GE as a program or connected curriculum 2- communicate more regularly with faculty about GE, not just to the Senate
  - Over the long run, develop some regular cycle of program assessment (direct + indirect assessment)

**\*\*\*\*\*Next Meeting is Thursday, January 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 11 am in Peace Garden\*\*\*\*\***