



General Education Council

January 25, 2017

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rich Sleezer, Steve Lovett, Sheila Markowitz, Chris Stone, Heidi Hamilton, Joan Brewer, Jo Kord, Mohammad Rahman, Amy Sage Webb, Jim Costello

ABSENT: Shawna Shane (proxy), Alrick Johnson and Nikem Nwogu

Approval of Minutes: Motion to approve December 7, 2016 minutes with adding the date to the ending of the minutes. Motion approved with 2 abstentions. January 11, 2017 minutes were approved with one change from IT literacy to Information Technology.

New Business: RE290 Intro to Rehab Programs- Costello presented to the council. This course is only offered once a year and the class would be taught at the Teachers College Visser Hall 118 with capacity of 114 people. For now Costello is the only faculty member that is teaching it. Costello didn't really have a concern if they needed more to teach this class there would be at least 3 to 4 qualified faculty that would be willing to step in and help teach more sections of the class if they were needed. A question from the council was asked concerning frequency of offering the course, would there be a rotation schedule and what time of the day/week so that the class would be accessible/available. Costello said that would be a load management and sequencing issue. Majority of their undergraduate program offered once a year. Their degree program requires 44 credit hours for the major and it is a 120 credit degree.

Webb asked the question, what would be the implication for a student majoring in this area and this becomes one of the Gen Ed's? Costello said that the student could take an additional elective within the program.

Landwehr on an advising side would like to see this offered in the fall and spring but feels there would be a better need for it in the spring. Costello mentioned possibly teaching face to face one semester and the next semester on line. But Costello would need to visit with the Department chair on this matter. Will be further discussed at the next Gen Ed meeting, February 8, 2017.

Lovett asked the committee what their thoughts were to either wait or ask further questions before it's voted on. Webb suggested that time for council members to consult with other faculty to solicit their input and time to let them know what the committee is looking at would be appropriate. Lovett suggested that additional discussion about the proposal would occur at the next meeting on February 8th. Lovett discussed with the council possibly having an open forum about general education this spring.

Council Procedure and Guidelines: Lovett discussed the latest updated version of the Procedures and Guidelines template. Lovett suggested possibly having a drafting (sub) committee to work on the policy and procedures. Lovett spoke with the council that himself and Sleezer spoke during last semester that we as a committee have a responsibility to propose experiments that can advance or enhance the Gen Ed program. Lovett suggested again to have a fall and spring forum to communicate what is going on in Gen Ed to the faculty at large. Is that something we should do? Lovett asked the council to review the document and that it will be discussed at the next meeting. Next meeting we will look at creating a subcommittee for the policy and procedures.

Next meeting is, February 22, 2017 @ 3:00pm-4:00pm

Meeting adjourned at 4:05pm

Recorder: km