

## General Education Council

March 28, 2018

### MINUTES

3:00 p.m.

**PRESENT:** Chris Stone, Rich Sleezer, Kim Massoth, Qiang Shi, Shawna Shane, Basil Kessler, Amy Oelschlager, Joan Brewer, Andy Houchins, Sheila Markowitz, Jo Kord, David McKenzie and Carol Lucy

**ABSENT:** Maddison Thompson, Steve Lovett, Klassee Crawford, and Kathy Landwehr

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes for March 14, 2018 were approved with two minor changes made.

**MEMBERS FOR NEXT YEAR:** Sleezer requested that Council members remind their home colleges/departments about making certain that if they will not be serving next year a replacement needs to be named as soon as possible. The hope is to have new members selected and that information forwarded to Kim Massoth by mid-June 2018.

**UPDATE ON LEADERSHIP:** Council discussed again the leadership courses that are being offered as part of the current General Education Program. Jason Brooks is teaching this summer (2018) but no leadership courses are currently offered in the Fall of 2018. If these courses (LR280 Leadership in a Diverse Society and LR170 Principles of Leadership) are not going to be regularly offered then the Council will need to consider removing them from the General Education Program. Sleezer was tasked with contacting interested parties to gather information. No formal action was taken.

### **CONTIUED DISCUSSION OF ALTERNATIVE/MODIFICATION PROGRAM:**

Sleezer went over with the Council another version of a modified General Education Program that required only 44 credit hours with some different options. All examples maintained the current Goal 1: Core Skills Category but the remaining program was consolidated into a single Goal 2: with two, three or four sub-categories. Sleezer also presented multiple scenarios to provide discussion examples. Brewer and Markowitz both agreed that we already have an articulation agreement with community colleges and that it would be preferable to work within that structure. Stone agreed that first the Council needs to come to agreement on the total number of hours required any new program so that a bill can be constructed for submission to faculty senate reducing the total number of required hours from 48 to some lower number. Stone would like to see the Council have something in place

before the semester is over regarding proposed change to minimum number of hours required for the General Education Program. No formal action was taken.

Meeting adjourned: 4:00 pm