

General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee
February 2, 2015

Approved:

Attending: Tanya Altmann, Nicole Buffard, Lisa Harrison, Philip Fickinger, Andrew Hertzoff, Sue Holl, Dana Kivel (chair), Tom Krabacher, Brenda Martinez (ASI), Sheree Meyer (ex-officio, Academic Affairs), Ravin Pan, Chris Taylor

I. Call to Order: 3:10 pm

II. Agenda: approved (Reza moved, Chris Taylor seconded, Andrew Hertzoff was outraged)

III. Minutes: December 8, 2014 were unavailable

IV. Open Forum:

- Sue Holl talked about acronyms
- Chair Kivel distributed the call for Faculty Learning Community (FLC) applicants; “Wicked Problems” and Innovative Curricular design is one of the communities.
- Sheree Meyer: Chancellor’s Office funding for course redesign proposals; CSUS has identified its lead faculty for the targeted areas. A meeting is scheduled for Feb 16th at 4:00 pm in the AIRC teaching lab to walk interested faculty through the application process; applications are due Feb. 23rd. Funding is for a “summer academy” stipend and assigned time for 2015-2016.
- Chair Kivel circulated the agenda for the upcoming GE Pathways conference on campus (Feb .12)
- Chair will get a schedule together to identify committee liaisons to the GE Course Review Committee for spring semester. Responsibility is likely to rotate among committee members.

V. Update: CSUS GE Website (Meyer): Dean Meyer provided an overview of the updated GE website; it included a tour of the equivalent websites hosted by other CSU campuses. Discussion included the following suggestions for further improvement:

- Change website title to “General Education/Graduation Requirements”;
- Link to the site from the Undergraduate Studies page.
- Include separate tabs for Students, Faculty, Staff that would link to those features of primary interest to those groups.
- A link to forms and policies, and to the GE Course Review Committee agenda.
- Shorten up the page so that it more easily fits on smart phone screens.
- Include a fillable pdf worksheet, as is found on the Chico site.
- A wide range of potential links to be added to the page were suggested.

VI. Update II: Global Awareness (Hertzoff)

- Draft of the requirement language was circulated for discussion. It was agreed that Chair Kivel and Dean Meyer would jointly send it to deans and department chairs for comment; feedback is to be sent to Dean Meyer by March 1st.

VI. Other Business:

- *The Gemmies:* Brenda Martinez, indicated that ASI would like incorporate student input in the identification of award recipients. It might be too late for ASI to act this semester, but they

would be able to do so for next year. The decision was made to postpone the next awards until the fall, but which time the processes and criteria could be more formally defined. Doing so would be the committee's task for the current semester.

VIII. Chair's Business: (Kivel)

- Writing and Reading Committee proposals to reform the Comprehensive Writing Program: Dan Meltzer currently seeking to move ideas in the proposal from last spring into policy language.

Key elements:

- Replace the WPJ with a portfolio requirement
- Establish a Writing Intensive guidelines
- Establish a Writing Intensive designated major
- Identify outcomes for Writing Intensive courses

Committee consensus was to take up the subject at the next meeting, at which time there will be a motion to confer with Dan Meltzer on the drafting of policy language.

- Review of GE/GRPC charge was reviewed in consultation with the Senate Chair and minor changes were recommended. These go to Senate Executive Committee for eventual placement on the Faculty Senate consent calendar.

IX. Adjournment and Next Meeting:

- Adjourned: 4:17 pm

-- Submitted by Thomas Krabacher