

General Education/Graduation Requirements Policies Committee
September 15, 2014

Approved: October 6, 2014

Attending: Tanya Altmann, Nicole Baptista (*USA, non-voting*), Nicole Buffard, Philip Flickinger, Lisa Harrison, Sue Holl, Dana Kivel (chair), Thomas Krabacher, Sheree Meyer (ex-officio, Academic Affairs), Jeff, Niu, Ravin Pan, Chris Taylor

Absent: Andrew Hertzoff, Reza Peigahi

I. Call to Order: 3:05 pm

II. Agenda: approved

III. Minutes: May 5, 2014 tabled

IV. Notetaker: Tom Krabacher agreed to serve as meeting notetaker.

V. Open Forum:

Sue Holl raised issue of faculty teaching multiple online courses during winter intercession and what this means for course quality. Discussion ensued. Item will be placed on a subsequent meeting agenda. Dean Meyer will provide data on the number of online course offerings during winter and summer sessions.

V. Announcements: (*Kivel*) Chair Kivel informed the Committee of the Dolores Huerta event scheduled for the coming Thursday, September 18th.

VI. Outstanding Issues from Spring '14:

- **Area A working group:** (*Meyer*) The working group has met and overarching goals are pretty much identified; soon to start working on sub-area goals.
- **Writing Requirement:** Dan Melzer's group is working on that.
- **Race & Ethnicity, Foreign Language, and American Institutions graduation requirements:** the working groups will be formed in the spring. There is now a new track for STEM majors (IGETC STEM) to allow flexibility scheduling GE requirements to permit students to take lower-division major requirements before transfer. The new track will be included in E.O. 1065.
- **Global Awareness Proposal:** Goal is to have a proposal to committee by its October 6th meeting; Tom will meet with Andrew on this.
- **Reading and Writing Subcommittee:** now reports to GE/GRP Committee
- **GE Questionnaire:** Now that an assessment plan is in place, Chair Kivel proposed a faculty questionnaire on other GE-related issues or topics that deserve attention. An open forum was proposed as an alternative to a questionnaire. Agreement was to conduct both in Spring '15. Planning would be carried out by a committee of the whole

VII. Report: Conference on "Threshold Concepts and Wicked Problems"

- Purpose: bring high school, CCC, and CSU educators together in a discussion of GE. Focus on “Threshold Concepts” (the way one thinks about the world) and “Wicked Problems” (large social problems that are not easily solved).
- Goal: Establish an inter-segmental conversation; initially, that will focus this year on keeping the conversation going – establishing a “community of practice” -- with a longer term focus on student preparation, articulation, and smoothing pathways..

VIII. Other:

- Dean Meyer is working on a revision of the GE website
- After considerable discussion it was decided to proceed with a broader campus discussion of the possibility of launching the website in Fall 2014; it was suggested this begin by introducing to faculty at the faculty Senate retreat, to be followed by on-campus open forum discussions.

IX. Next Meeting: October 6th.

X. Adjourned: 3:55 pm

-- Submitted by Thomas Krabacher