

General Education Committee
4/28/17

Present: D. Berchtold, R. Hagerman, E. Heard, H. Koster, D. Kutz, K. McClain, S. Ohl
Excused: E. Brand, T. Skinner

Approval of minutes – 4/14/17

Terms – S. Ohl – 2 years
K. McClain - 1 year
E. Heard – 1 year
H. Koster – 1 year

- H. Koster sent C. Cable minutes, agendas, meeting information to be posted on the website
- Mission, process, etc. will be posted once completed

BIO 170/122 – Sensation and Perception (proposed by A. Sumner)

- Has been approved by the Department and Division
- Has gone to Curriculum Committee for review (voted on 5/18/17)
- A. Sumner could present the course at the next General Education Meeting (5/12/17)
 - R. Hagerman sent a course assessment form to A. Sumner & will share with the General Education Committee members
 - Process for sending assessment forms to General Education course forms to SLAC? Where should they be housed?

Process for courses with a Gen Ed Prerequisite

- Should all courses with a pre-req be listed on the SUNY Dashboard? They would all qualify.
- Pros/cons
- Advantages – maximize transfer credits from one SUNY school to another
 - Courses would have to be accepted if they are labeled as general education courses
 - Leverages transfer of courses to other colleges
- If it is listed as a general education, has to be reviewed and assessed on same cycle as other courses
- As a note: In the near future, all courses may have to be assessed (3 or 5 year process)
- Per Middle States: Individual campuses are now responsible to “own” and assess their own General Education programs
- A question for the General Education Committee – when courses are submitted, should we consider the context for why the course is being submitted for general education
 - Should this issue be raised at CAI and/or with the Academic Chairs to get input on the matter
 - May not be time to address this issue at this time

Motion to table the discussion of the process for courses with a General Education Prerequisite until Fall 2017 – E. Heard, 2nd S. Ohl; vote 4/0

Review of Gen Ed course designation process

Form for assessment of general education courses should be included with form for course proposals

Form for Gen Ed Course Proposals –

Motion to make a new form for General Education proposals. K. McClain, S. Ohl 2nd; vote 4/0

- Perhaps we would ask to get a copy of the Curriculum Committee form for a course
- What additional information is needed to inform the Gen Ed process
- Courses are not owned by individual faculty members, but departments – get approval by Department, Division – could be in the form of a coversheet
- Discussion of how course discussions (pros/cons) on a course be raised – written submissions of arguments, time limit for discussion (5 minutes?); should a time limit be in the by-laws or set at a meeting?

Next meeting:

- General Education Assessment
- Continue discussion of process
- Presentation of BIO 170/122 course & why it should be a Gen Ed course (5-10 minutes)
 - Questions from the committee about the course

Motion to form a sub-committee to work on general education course/committee processes and by-laws K. McClain; 2nd S. Ohl; vote 4/0. E. Heard, H. Koster, K. McClain, S. Ohl agree to serve.

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