**WIU Council on General Education Minutes**

**January 31, 2019 – 3:30 p.m. – 501 Stipes**

**Spring 2019 CGE Members**

Patricia Anderson Sociology & Anth. (Social Sciences)

Lori Baker-Sperry Liberal Arts & Sci. (Multicultural)

Steve Bennett Geology (Math/Natural Sciences)

Ute Chamberlin History (Humanities)

Greg Baramidze Computer Science (Math/Natural Sciences)

Jonathan Day Political Science (Social Sciences)

Gary Daytner Educational Studies (At-large)

Keith Holz, Chair Art (Humanities/Fine Arts)

William Knox English (Basic Skills/Writing)

Joyce Runquist COBT (At-large)

David Zanolla Communication (Basic Skills/Public Speaking)

Karen Zellmann Health Sci. & SW (Human Well-Being)

Daria Levchenko Student Gov't. Assoc.

Jim Schmidt C.A.S. (Ex-officio, Dean's Council Rep.)

Mark Mossman Office of Provost (Ex-officio, Provost's Rep.)

Michelle Yager Advising Center (Ex-officio, COAA Rep.)

**1. Call to order**—3:32 p.m.

**2. Corrections & acceptance of minutes from November 1, 2018**—Minor corrections and comments. Bennett moved and Baker-Sperry seconded approval of the minutes. Minutes approved.

**3. Additions to Agenda**—No additions to the agenda.

**4. Roll Call**—Greg Baramidze from the School of Computer Science and Mathematics replaces Brian Davies. His term will extend through Summer 2020. Jim Schmidt from the College of Arts and Sciences replaces Kyle Mayborn. Anderson, Runquist, and Mossman were absent.

**5. Announcements**—Baramidze and Schmidt were welcomed to CGE. Holz passed along a message from Christopher Pynes that the library will place on reserve about the middle of next week a new book *Reforming General Education*. Librarian Jeffrey Matlak has further information.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**6. Reports**

a. Provost—Dr. Mark Mossman, Associate Provost—No report.

b. CAS—Jim Schmidt—No report.

c. University Advising—Michelle Yager—No report.

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee—Lori Baker-Sperry—The subcommittee meeting was cancelled because of the snow day. The gen ed report from the provost for Fall 2017 through Summer 2018 has been compiled and the Impact Report completed.

e. CGE Chair—Keith Holz—No report. (See 7. below.)

**7. Centennial Honors College: *Review of General Education in the Honors Curriculum* -- Holz**—Holz reported on the comprehensive report and reply to his query from the Dean of Centennial Honors College. Holz asked for discussion: Holz notes the gen ed irregularities, including some double counting in humanities and fine arts and outlined options for further CGE action: ignore the potential issue or invite the dean to comment further. Baker-Sperry noted that Honors gen ed assessment meets university requirements. The gen ed policy seems successful so there may be no need for further discussion. On another matter, Holz asked if the Foreign Language/Global Issues group should be invited, but, since CGE can exercise no authority over FLGI, CGE agrees end discussion.

**8. Request for Council on General Education Subcommittee on FYE Courses -- Mossman & Baker-Sperry**—Baker-Sperry explained the gen ed assessment report from the provost for Fall 2017 through Summer 2018 has been compiled and the Impact Report completed. In brief it eliminates the graduation requirement but UNIV 100 is retained for OAS and students who elect it. CGE discussed various aspects of the current UNIV100 course including the presence of outside elements such as the IVPE, the elimination of the textbook and theme, the loss of connection between U and Y courses, the difficulty with gen ed enrollment in Y courses, and the future shape of FYE at WIU.  Mossman was charged in August to re-envision FYE.  A Y-course subcommittee was formed.  Zanolla asked if new FYE will be ready for fall; Baker-Sperry answered that this is the hope.  Day and Baker-Sperry discussed if FYE attracts students (59 Y sections last fall) and averred that Y courses may not work in all departments if student credit hours are an issue.  Zanolla asked about Y courses.  Michelle Yager emphasized that this summer enrollment management into FYE sections was difficult with no Associate Provost yet hired. Previously, Parsons would open sections and seats as necessary, but this last summer sections could not be opened although seats could be added manually.  Schmidt reported that lower FYE enrollments hurt department numbers, but these concerns have been present since the start of FYE.  Questions raised about whether sections will be Y or normal department sections.  Yager offered that sometimes manipulation of enrollments worked and sometime not.  Knox asked if the National Center for the First Year Experience had been contacted.  Baker-Sperry noted the special circumstances of WIU.  Holz suggested an FYE “committee” of the whole instead of a subcommittee. Since the CGE only addresses gen ed issues, Baker-Sperry asked to table the subcommittee motion and Holz agreed.

**OLD BUSINESS—**None

**9. Good of the Order**—None

Zellman moved and Bennett seconded the motion to adjourn.

**ADJOURNMENT--** **4:24 p.m.**

Next Meeting of CGE: February 14, 2019, Thursday, 3:30 to 5:00, 501 Stipes Hall

*List of current CGE subgroups to evaluate articulation requests:*

**Communication Skills:** Zanolla, Knox

**Humanities/Fine Arts:** Chamberlin, Holz

**Social Sciences:** Anderson, Day

**Natural Sciences/Math:** Baramidze, Bennett

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

**Human Well-Being:**  Zellmann