**WIU Council on General Education Minutes**

**501 Stipes Hall**

**October 17, 2019—3:30 p.m.—501 Stipes Hall**

**Fall 2019 CGE Members**

Andrea Alveshere Anthropology (Social Sciences)

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

Greg Baramidze Computer Sciences (Math/Natural Sciences)

Keith Holz, Chair Art & Design (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Seongchan Kim Engineering Tech. (At-large)

William Knox English (Basic Skills/Writing)

Wanmo Koo Mgmt. & Marketing (At-large)

Gordon Pettit Math & Philosophy (Humanities)

Craid Tollini Sociology (Social Sciences)

Seyfi Turkelli Math & Philosophy (Math/Natural Sciences)

David Zanolla Communication (Basic Skills/Public Speaking)

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

Ryan Homer 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. Meeting called to order at 3:33

2. Minutes from October 3, 2019 approved with corrections from Michelle Yager. Motion to approve by Bill Knox; seconded by Keith Holz.

3. Additions to Agenda: none.

4. Roll Call: Soengchan Kim, David Zanolla, and Mark Mossman absent.

Guest: Amy Carr

5. Announcements: Craig Tollini is replacing Pat Anderson, representing Social Sciences.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Special Guest, Amy Carr, Faculty Advisory Committee (FAC) Representative to the Illinois Board of Higher Education (IBHE) provided an overview of the documents sent to members prior to meeting of 10/3/2019 and the work of the FAC:

Meetings occur once a month during school year, including one with the IBHE. Participants include representatives from public and private schools, as well as community colleges. There are several working groups within the FAC. Amy drafted the white papers, including the “IBHE Faculty Advisory Council Recommends Supporting Liberal Arts & Sciences Programs,” and “Recommendations by the IBHE Faculty Advisory Council on Program Prioritization and Consolidation.” The drafts have been distributed to a variety of interested parties, including faculty senates from around the state.

Keith Holz inquired as to the composition of the IBHE, Amy Carr referred him to the IBHE website, and provided a few examples of the categories of individuals included.

Amy commented that it is a concern of the FAC that there are large numbers of students arriving on campus with several general education hours. Michelle Yager commented that faculty in English reported a concern about the level of writing of those students who come in with credit for English 180 and 280. Amy reported that small private institutions are suffering due to accepting more students with general education hours. Greg Baramidze asked if a potential solution would be to put a cap on hours a student is able to transfer into WIU, or even a cap on the general education hours a student may bring in. Jim Schmidt clarified that there is a required 30 hours (overall) that must be completed at WIU, with 15 in their last year, but there are no restrictions on how many general education hours one might transfer. Ryan Homer added that there is a graduation requirement for having 60 hours from a four-year institution; he also stated that there is often a strong financial motivation for taking dual credit hours.

Bill Knox asked Amy if there is discussion regarding degree identity (identity with particular institutions); Amy replied that she is not aware of any with the FAC.

Andrea expressed a concern that those who come in with general education hours met did not have the opportunity to explore disciplines such as Anthropology that were not likely offered in a dual credit program.

7. Reports

a. Provost – Mark Mossman, Interim Associate Provost: No report.

b. CAS – Jim Schmidt: No Report, but apologized for not attending last meeting due to a recent surgery.

c. University Advising – Michelle Yager: No report.

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee – Lori Baker-Sperry: The Assessment Subcommittee met and set a schedule for the academic year. Assessment reports from departments are due November 1. Lori and Mark Mossman, and then the subcommittee review those to provide feedback. Andrea recommended that the individuals doing the assessment reports, who are often not a department chair, have the feedback on reports emailed directly to them. Lori responded that a challenge is that the individuals involved change very frequently, and the department chairs often do not update those names.

e. CGE Chair – Andrea Alveshere: Only two articulation requests received to this point.

8. Good of the Order – no comments.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Motion to adjourn by Lori Baker Sperry seconded by Keith Holz. Meeting adjourned at 4:28.

Next Meeting of CGE: 10/31, 2019, Thursday, 3:30 to 5:00, 501 Stipes Hall

Subsequent Fall meetings are scheduled for: 11/14; 12/5

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

**Communication Skills:** Knox, Zanolla

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

**Social Sciences:** Alveshere

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

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

**Human Well-Being:**  Zellmann