**Council on General Education**

**Feb. 2, 2017– 3:30 p.m. – Stipes 501**

**Spring 2017 CGE Membership**

Betsy Perabo Program of Liberal Arts and Sciences (Multicultural)

Keith Holz Art (Humanities/Fine Arts)

P.K. Babu Physics (Math/Natural Sciences)

Darcy Plymire, Chair Kinesiology (Human Well-Being)

Jongnam Choi Geography (Social Science)

Krista Bowers Sharpe Library (At-Large)

Kathleen O’Donnell-Brown English (Basic Skills/Writing)

Jonathan Day Political Science (Social Science)

Steve Bennett Geology (Math/Natural Sciences)

Ute Chamberlin History (Humanities)

Gary Daytner Educational Studies (At-Large)

David Zanolla Communication (Basic Skills/Public Speaking)

Maggie Walsh Student Government Association

Kyle Mayborn College of Arts and Sciences (Ex-Officio, Dean’s Council Rep.)

Nancy Parsons Office of the Provost (Ex-Officio, Provost’s Rep.)

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

**GERC Members**

Gordon Pettit Philosophy (Arts & Sciences)

Marty Maskarinec Computer Science (Business & Technology)

Emily Shupe DFMH (COEHS)

Marjorie Allison English (Past Chair, CGE)

Diane Sandage Sociology & Anthropology (Past Chair, CGE)

Cheryl Bailey Communication (Fine Arts and Communication)

Richard Filipink History (CAGAS, ex-officio)

**Elected Members Present:** Choi, Bowers Sharpe, O’Donnell-Brown, Bennett, Chamberlin, Perabo, Babu, Daytner, Zanolla, Plymire, Walsh.

**GERC Members Present:** Pettit, Maskarinec, Shupe, Allison, Sandage, Bailey.

**Elected Members Excused/Absent**: Holz, Day.

**Ex-Officio Members (CGE/GERC) Present:** Mayborn, Parsons, Yager, Filipink.

**Ex-Officio Members Excused/Absent:**

Chair Plymire called the meeting to order at 3:31 p.m.

Minutes from 12/8 were discussed. Small changes were made. Allison moved to approve; Bailey seconded. Yea – 15. Opposed – 0. Abstention – 1. – Minutes approved.

Announcements – none.

No additions to the agenda.

**Reports:**

Nancy Parsons – Fall 2016 Gen Ed Assessment Data is due on Feb 17th. She has received some data and is hoping to receive all by the deadline.

Kyle Mayborn – nothing to report.

Michelle Yager – nothing to report.

Faculty Senate/Articulation Requests – Darcy Plymire – Chair Plymire attended the last Faculty Senate meeting where the moratorium on new course requests was passed. Faculty Senate asked what the committee will do about requests to change the assessment plans of current courses. CGE will resolve that question in new business. Chair Plymire reported that 2 articulation requests were approved and 1 is still being resolved.

**Old Business:**

None.

**New Business:**

**Requests for changes in assessment plans –**

The committee decided that requests would be handled by CGE at the beginning of meetings. On those days, GERC members will be asked through email to come at 3:45 to the meeting.

**Creation of Subcommittees –**

After some discussion the following discussion points were proposed:

1. What is the structure of general education at other institutions? How many hours in general and how many in each category? Compare these to our structure and number
2. Multicultural and FLGI – are the number and kind of offerings appropriate?
3. Human Well-Being and Univ 100 – structure currently? Conflicts? Concerns?
4. Assessment –
5. Natural sciences and math – number of hours and kind of offerings appropriate? Potential issues: structure/sequence of Math 099, 100, 128. Online lab classes.
6. Communication Skills – number of hours and placement of courses (graduation or gen ed requirement?)
7. Humanities and Fine Arts –
8. Social Sciences – # of hours? Offerings?

Marjorie Allison moved that we come back in 2 weeks after studying peer and benchmark institutions and then break into subcommittees to consider the above and following questions. Ute Chamberlin seconded. Vote: 18 – aye; 0 – no; 0 – abstain.

**Group Reports:** Chair Plymire then asked each group to briefly outline the reports they submitted to Google Docs.

**Human Well-Being:** Students are required to take 3 hours of classes in human well-being. Because of recent changes in curriculum and requirements, students now take Univ. 100 and Finance 100, which are both 1 hour courses, leaving only 1 hour for a kinesiology or nutrition course.

**Multi-Cultural:** The state says all schools must teach multi-culturalism. Our University’s solution was to designate courses within areas as multi-cultural.

**FLGI:**  History – Years ago, some CAS students asked the University to require foreign language. Departments were polled. The solution was a compromise of FLGI – departments individually deciding how their requirement can be met.

**Natural Sciences:** A potentially concerning trend is toward online courses without a true lab component.

**Humanities and Fine Arts:** 9 hours are required. In the past, any combination of courses was acceptable. Then it was changed to 1 fine arts and 2 humanities and then 1 of each with the third of either category. Is this still working?

**Communication/Basic Skills:** We have 6 hours of composition and 3 hours of speech. Compare this to benchmark and peer institutions. Some schools have moved these kinds of courses to graduation requirements to make it appear they have fewer general education hours.

**Social Sciences:** No report yet (soon.) Clarify the definition of social sciences in view of some recent course proposals. Many social science courses are concerned with global issues or multi-culturalism.

**For the next meeting:**

Each member should study the documents in the shared Google drive and examine the general education situations at benchmark and peer institutions.

If members have a subcommittee they would like to join, they may email Chair Plymire before the next meeting. Subcommittees will be established at the next CGE meeting.

Meeting adjourned by acclamation at 4:45 p.m.

Next meeting Feb. 16th at 3:30 p.m. in Stipes 501.