**WIU Council on General Education**

**Meeting Minutes**

**October 9, 2014**

Fall 2014 CGE Members

Marjorie Allison Dept. of English & Journalism (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Panakkattu Babu Dept. of Physics (Math/Natural Science)

Rumen Dimitrov Dept. of Mathematics (Math/Natural Science)

Andrea Hanna Dept. of Curriculum & Instruction (At-Lagre)

Magdelyn Helwig Dept. of English & Journalism (Communication Skills)

John Miller Dept. of Communication (Communication Skills)

Russ Morgan College of Arts & Sciences (Ex-officio, Dean's Council Representative)

Nancy Parsons Office of the Provost (Ex-officio, Provost's Representative)

Darcy Plymire Dept. of Kinesiology (Human Well Being)

Diane Sandage Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology (Social Science)

Joanne Sellen Dept. of Educational & Interdisciplinary Studies (At-Large)

Keva Steadman Dept. of Economics & Decision Sciences (Social Science)

Oswald Warner Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology (Multicultural)

Joseph Kallenbach Student Government Association ( )

Jeannie Woods Dept. of Theatre & Dance (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Michelle Yager Advising Center (Ex-officio, COAA Representative)

**Elected Members Present:** Diane Sandage (CGE Chair, Soc & Anthro), Marjorie Allison (Eng & Jour, in QC), Panakkattu Babu (Physics), Rumen Dimitrov (Math), Magdelyn Helwig (CGE Vice-chair, Eng & Jour), John Miller (Communication), Darcy Plymire (Kinesiology), Joanne Sellen (CGE Secretary, EIS, in QC), Oswald Warner (Soc & Anthro), Jeannie Woods (Theatre & Dance)

***Elected Members Excused:*** Andrea Hanna (Curr & Instr), Joseph Kallenbach (SGA), Keva Steadman (Economics and Decision Science, in QC)

***Ex-Officio members present***: Russ Morgan (CAS), Nancy Parsons (Office of the Provost),

***Ex-officio* Members Excused/Absent:** Michelle Yager (COAA)

**Guests Present:** Kelley Quinn (FL&L)

**CGE Chair Diane Sandage called the meeting to order at 3:35PM in Horrabin 1 on the Macomb campus and with a connection to room 205 on the Quad Cities Campus.**

**MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, AND REPORTS**

**Welcome to guests:** Kelley Quinn (FL&L)

**Welcome to New Member:** N/A

Minutes from the last meeting on Sept. 25, 2014 were approved.

**Additions to the Agenda:** N/A

**Announcements:** CGE Chair Sandage reported the new SGA representative will be approved next week.

**REPORTS:**

* 1. Office of the Provost – Dr. Parsons announced that she is still receiving Gen Ed assessment data from departments (due date was Oct. 3); she is emailing departments who have not yet provided data. Data will first be shared with the CGE Assessment Subcommittee, which has not yet met.
  2. CAS – The CAS Extended Gen Ed committee is still waiting on a science rep.
  3. University Advising – N/A
  4. Faculty Senate/Articulation Requests – No new articulation requests.

**OLD BUSINESS**

1. N/A

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Request for FL 350 for inclusion in General Education—Guest Kelley Quinn provided the committee with a brief review of the course. Marjorie Allison expressed concern about whether the course was really a general education course. John Miller followed up with a question about how easily a major from outside the discipline could come into the class, with no foreign language experience, and succeed. Magdelyn Helwig pointed out that the course was recently approved as a WID course, which would seem to suggest that it is not a general education course. Kelley Quinn explained that much of the writing in the course is meant to aid learning; she also said that the department was wanting to provide an introduction to theory course that students could take earlier in their education, since such a course is so beneficial to students. The committee seemed in agreement that the course was well designed, but the concern is whether a course can act as both a WID course, which is meant to be an upper-level, discipline-specific course, and a General Education course, which is meant to be accessible to all students. Magdelyn Helwig moved to deny inclusion of FL 350 as a General Education course; Marjorie Allison seconded. Darcy Plymire wondered why FL doesn’t have a lower-level gen ed course, and it was pointed out that they do (FL 101). John Miller moved to table the motion on the floor to allow FL to reconsider their request; Rumen Dimitrov seconded. This motion was unanimously approved. Marjorie Allison asked whether we needed to discuss this situation in a larger way—i.e., considering whether a class can be both WID and Gen Ed, and at what level Gen Ed courses should be aimed. John Miller reminded the committee that 300-level courses were initially allowed into Category 5 in order to provide a means for transfer students to fulfill that category. He requested that Magdelyn Helwig share the new WID guidelines with the committee so they can better understand what is expected of a WID course.

**GOOD OF THE ORDER**: N/A

**Motion:**  Darcy Plymire moved to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:32 pm.

CGE will next convene at 3:30 PM on Thursday, October 23rd in Horrabin 1 (Due to a room conflict, CGE will convene in Horrabin 60).

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Magdelyn Helwig (CGE Vice-Chair and acting Secretary)