Western Connecticut State University

Committee on General Education Minutes
Minutes of the meeting of Friday, November 6, 2015

Recording: William P. DeFeo, JLA
Members present: Jennifer O’Brien (Chair), Monica Sousa, William DeFeo, Missy Alexander, Jay Brower (via conf. call), Theodora Pinou, Kelli Custer, Timothy Wiggins, and Wynn Gadkar-Wilcox.

Guests: Jess House, Maryann Rossi, Cathy Vanari, Anthony Markert, Ann Atkinson, Keith Gauvin, Shouhua Qi, Robin Gustufson, Kevin Hartsman, and Rebecca Wade-Rancourt.

Meeting convened: 1:00 p.m.

I. MINUTES: A motion to approve the minutes of the October without revision (O’Brien/Alexander) carries.

II. OLD BUSINESS:
   a. Seven (7) History course proposals (see “Sharepoint” entries for proposal details) were considered as follows:

      i. CD 1516047 - Alignment with Gen Ed Intercultural Competency. Motion to approve (Alexander/Custer) carried.

      ii. CD 1516046 - Alignment with Gen Ed Writing Intensive Tier II Competency. Motion to approve (Alexander/Custer) carried.

      iii. CD 1516045 – Alignment with Gen Ed Oral Communication Competency. Discussion on content of course. Motion to approve (Alexander/Custer) carried.

      iv. CD 1516044 – Alignment with Gen Ed Informational Literacy Competency. Discussion on “complexity.” Motion to approve (Custer/DeFeo) carried.

      v. CD 1516043 – Alignment of HIS 100 and HIS 490 with Gen Ed Competencies. Discussion regarding requirement of a course research paper. Clarification that HIS 490 requires student production of a research paper. Motion to approve (Alexander/O’Brien) carried.

      vi. CD 1516042 – Alignment with Gen Ed Critical Thinking Competency. Motion to approve (Alexander/Custer) carried.

      vii. CD 1516034 – Alignment with Gen Ed Critical Thinking and Intercultural Competencies. Motion to approve (Custer/Alexander) carried.

III. NEW BUSINESS
   a. Consideration of miscellaneous “Sharepoint” proposals as follows:
i. CD 1516049, JLA 2XX (200 preferred). Discussion on course outcomes which appropriately reflect, but do not “mirror” Gen Ed Tier II Writing Competency outcomes. Motion to approve pending insertion of specific Tier II Competency outcomes language (Custer/O’Brien) carried.

ii. CD 1415175, ENG 1XX. Discussion on sufficiency of course proposal outcomes, choice of outcomes terminology, and general compliance with Gen Ed Competency outcomes. Revision and re-submission deemed necessary. Motion to approve (Gadkar-Wilcox/Wiggins) does not carry.

iii. CD 1415168 – Revised Interdisciplinary Elementary Education Program Sheet. Discussion on propriety of Gen Ed consideration of a Program Sheet, namely a change in course rotation. Committee concludes that such considerations are properly brought to CUCAS. Motion to recommend revision of proposal and re-submission to CUCAS (DeFeo/Custer) carried.

iv. CD 1415124 – EDU 212. Discussion/clarification on proposal’s request for course’s departmental change from Education to Social Sciences under the “old” Gen Ed formulation. Motion to approve under “old” Gen Ed formulation (Wiggins/Alexander) carried.

v. CD 1415123 – EDU 211. Motion to approve under “old” Gen Ed formulation (Wiggins/Alexander) carried.

b. Consideration of ART 198. The subject course has no present Competency designation. Motion to accept ART 198 as currently fulfilling a Humanities requirement (Alexander/Gadkar-Wilcox) carried.

IV. OTHER BUSINESS

a. TAP / Umbrella Degree Presentation. Considerable discussion on why materials are being presented to Gen Ed Committee. Is the Committee being asked to “endorse” the program? TAP pathways are available. Should the issues go to Governance? Gen Ed has provided oversight of the TAP program. Motion to re-affirm Gen Ed support of the TAP program (Alexander/Custer) carried.

b. M. Alexander encourages members to edit her document, “Transitioning to the new general education curriculum,” and recommends formal Committee consideration at the December meeting. K. Custer suggests attachment of a “Model Syllabus” for Committee consideration. All members agree.

Meeting adjourned: Motion to adjourn at 2:29 PM (DeFeo/Custer) carried.

Respectfully submitted 11/10/15,
Wm. P. DeFeo