The General Education Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting at 3:00 pm on January 31, 2014 in Room 1118, Anne Belk Hall. Michael Krenn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm when a quorum was reached. He welcomed everyone and thanked them for attending.

VOTE 1: General Education Council – December meeting Minutes
YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried. Minutes approved as written.

VOTE 2: Wellness Literacy (effective Fall 2014)
PE 1725, Intermediate Canoeing
PE 1735, Whitewater Rafting
YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried.

VOTE 3: Wellness Literacy (effective Fall 2014)
Delete PE 1740, Physical Education for the Disabled
YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried.

VOTE 4: Writing in the Discipline (effective Fall 2014)
ART 3015, Studio Seminar 2
YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried.

VOTE 5: Capstone Experience (effective Fall 2014)
IND 4900, Internship
YES: 0 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0
Motion carried.

VOTE 6: Revised Guidelines for Science Inquiry (included in Form C previously approved)
Based on campus feedback, revisions were made to the Science Inquiry Guidelines as follows:

1. The course will discuss how the physical world is interpreted using the scientific method.
2. The course will utilize an inquiry-based pedagogy through experimentation and inferential analysis.
3. The course will focus on interpretation of scientific information and how scientific ideas are synthesized.
4. The course will describe how to interpret quantitative and mathematical concepts through data in graphical or tabular form.
5. The course will describe scientific findings through an examination of contemporary advances in science.

YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Motion carried.

VOTE 7: Revised Guidelines for Social Sciences (included in Form C previously approved).
Based on campus feedback, revisions were made to the Social Sciences Guidelines as follows:
1. The course will examine the behaviors of individuals and/or groups within or between societies.
2. The course will explore social/behavioral science concepts and theories.
3. The course will examine or utilize the methods of scientific inquiry that guide the social/behavioral sciences.
4. The course will include a critical assessment of the nature, scope, and limits of the social/behavioral sciences.

YES: 10 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0

Motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:
Michael Krenn brought members up to date on the timeline for the Gen Ed curriculum revisions. Working groups are being put together to begin review of theme and course proposals that will be coming in. The groups will hopefully become the FCCs, once Faculty Senate and Board of Trustees approve the new FCCs. There will be a series of deadlines that will be announced soon. The Gen Ed office is in the process of updating the websites and creating tools for theme and course proposals. Summer workshops are being planned for Theme Coordinators to work on efforts of integration and assessment. More details soon. Michael Krenn and Elaine Gray are available to anyone who is interested in proposing themes or courses.

Michael requested that faculty post theme ideas on the forum site so that they are visible to everyone. This will help facilitate interested departments/individuals to

Elaine Gray reported of the work on the Rubrics teams. The workgroups have done an excellent job in creating rubrics and a glossary for each General Education goal. Currently gathering feedback from the campus. Feedback and all rubrics will be shared with all the groups and work will be done to bring consistency to all the rubrics. Michael Krenn also thanked all those who devoted their time and expertise to this project – job well done! Plan is to have the final document ready for a vote at the February GEC meeting.

FYI ITEM:
Pending AP&P approval, course prefix changes for ENG 1000 to RC 1000 and ENG 2001 to RC 2001.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting as adjourned at 4:15 pm.

Submitted by,
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