Minutes of the General Education Council
September 23, 2016

The General Education met at its regularly scheduled time on September 23, 2016 at 3:00 pm in Anne Belk Hall, Room 244. Michael Krenn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 3:05 pm when a quorum was reached and welcomed everyone to a new academic year.

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Anderson Clayton, Michael Krenn, Susan Lutz, Travis O’Shell, Mitchell Parry, Damiana Pyles, Georgia Rhoades, Alexander Schwab, Ben Sibley, Bruce Stewart, Scott Welsh.

VOTING MEMBERS ABSENT: Rodney Duke, Cameron Lippard, Kelly McBride, Martha McCaughey.

NON-VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Patty Dale, Elaine Gray, Kristin Hyle, Mike Mayfield, Sheryl Mohn, Pete Wachs, Lynne Waugh.

The Council took the following actions:

VOTE 1: Minutes from April 22, 2016 meeting
Yes: 10  No: 0  Abstain: 2  Minutes approved as written.

VOTE 2: Part D form with revisions
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

VOTE 3: Part D form assessment rubric
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

VOTE 4: Theme Coordinator Annual Report form
Yes: 10  No: 1  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

VOTE 5: Change ILE theme name from “Critical Consciousness: Learning for Equity and Justice” to “So You Want to Change the World?” effective Fall 2017.
Yes: 11  No: 0  Abstain: 0  Motion carried.

Discussion Items:
- Michael Krenn gave an update on the pilot cohorts and future cohorts.
- Pete Wachs gave an update on the Senior Survey. Dr. Wachs asked Council members to post suggested questions on AsULearn. It was recommended that a small group be formed to work with Dr. Wachs on finalizing the questions. Michael Krenn, Elaine Gray, Anderson Clayton and Travis O’Shell volunteered to serve on the committee. If others are interested, please contact Pete Wachs.

FYI Items: Effective Fall 2016
- delete Senior Capstone credit from IND 4900, Internship (new separate Capstone courses were approved last year for Furniture and Product Design concentrations)
- CORRECTION- Gen Ed Council memo to AP&P for December 4, 2015 meeting listed R M 2010 as receiving the Social Science designation. The correct course number is R M 2100.
• ADDITION of details to minutes from February 26, 2016 Gen Ed Council meeting (effective date is still Fall 2016): Updates to Banner for MOU between Watauga Residential College and Gen Ed:
  • WRC 2201, Hearing Voices: Inquiry in Literature, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 AES Creative Expressions of Culture.
  • WRC 2202, What If? Asking Historical Questions, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 H&S Understanding Culture Through Social Practice.
  • WRC 3000, Interrogating Popular Culture, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 H&S Understanding Culture Through Social Practice.
  • WRC 3203, Why Art? Ways of Responding to the World Around Us, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 AES Creative Expressions of Culture.
  • WRC 3210, Poverty: Theory and Practice, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 H&S Understanding Culture Through Social Practice.
  • WRC 2401, Disciplined Cultural Practice, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 AES Creative Expressions of Culture when the topic is "Gaia and the Garden" or "The Art of Capoeira."
  • WRC 2401, Disciplined Cultural Practice, will count in Gen Ed 1.0 H&S Understanding Culture Through Social Practice when the topic is "Buddhist Path of Mindfulness," Contemplative Leadership," or "Horticulture and Health."

There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 pm.

Submitted by,
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