September 22, 2014 FTLCAC Meeting Minutes

Time: 1 -2 p.m.
Location: 3062 James Zumberge Hall


1. Introductions

2. Barb Hooper volunteered to take minutes for this meeting

3. Approval of Agenda with no changes.
   a. Matt Roberts added to the Awards subcommittee
   b. Need one more class representative for the Awards subcommittee. Robert Talbert will change from Grants to Awards.
   c. Motion by Robert Talbert with a second by Kyle Felker

4. Approval of September 8 2014 Meeting Minutes with minor corrections (attendance)

5. General Education Mini-Conference – Christine Rener
   a. Christine Rener presented an idea regarding the possibility of hosting a half day conference, possibly on January 9, 2015 on General Education and why we have a General Education focus at GVSU.
   b. Potential of an outside speaker
   c. General Education Faculty could provide unique examples.
   d. Purpose would be to learn and converse from one another.
   e. General Discussion followed with questions and ideas for potential planning purposes. Would it be helpful to have a general overview of what is a General education? What is a Liberal Arts Education and why some General Education requirements were changed? Who should the conference be geared too – Students, Faculty, and/or Faculty and Students? Has any data been reviewed in regards to General Education? Recommendation made that the link between a General Education and Liberal Arts Education needs to be explained. It might be helpful to have former students who have graduated sit on a panel and discuss how a general education has made a difference for them in their careers and lives.
   f. Christine asked for volunteers who would be willing to serve on a planning committee. If you are interested, please contact her.

6. Scholarship of Teaching and Learning (SoTL) Charge #1 from ECS/UAS
   a. Boyer’s Taxonomy of Scholarship distributed.
   b. A recommendation was made regarding greater specificity of examples of measures of performance.
   c. Need to be clear…Scholarship of teaching to improve teaching or how do we use scholarship of teaching to get contract renewals and promotions. If we improve the scholarship of teaching, everything else should fall into place.

7. Meeting Adjourned

8. After the meeting adjourned, a tour of the new FTLC home was provided.

Respectfully Submitted,

Barb Hooper