

Grand Valley State University
General Education Committee Meeting

303C DeVos
 Minutes of 2/27/2017

PRESENT: Carly Aller; Kirk Anderson, Chair; Dori Danko; Gabriele Gottlieb; Haiying Kong; Kimberly McKee; Melba Velez Ortiz; Eric Ramsson; Jeremy Robinson; Lindy Scripps-Hoekstra; Robin Smith-Colton; Susan Strouse; David Vessey

ALSO PRESENT: C. "Griff" Griffin, Director, General Education; Jennifer Cathey, General Education Office Coordinator

NOT PRESENT: Hsiao-Ping Chen; Dawn DeVries; Linda Pickett; Huihui Qi; Patrick Thorpe

Agenda Items	Discussion	Action Taken
Approval of current Agenda		Approved per consensus
Approval of 2/20/2017 Minutes		Approved per consensus
Curriculum items for consideration --Log 9615: Course change – AHS 352, Introduction to Holistic Health Care [new to GEC as of 2/20/2017] To count for Issues: Health. Note that this is a Themes conversion.	<p>AHS 352 Need to add the Junior Standing prerequisite. There is only one textbook listed in the SoR.</p> <p>Amendment: Ask to add Junior standing prerequisite and suggest adding more textbooks in the SoR.</p>	<p>G. Gottlieb moved to ask for amendment per discussion. S. Strouse 2nd. Motion carries 11-0.</p> <p>Amendment to be returned to chair.</p>

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<p>Vote to change Critical & Creative Thinking to Critical Thinking</p>	<p>Members agreed to drop Creative from Critical and Creative Thinking. This change will go into effect for this assessment cycle.</p>	<p>D. Vessey moved to drop Creative from Critical and Creative Thinking. S. Strouse 2nd. Motion carries 11-0.</p>
<p>The HLC QI report, continued</p>	<p>GE Director went to the AAC&U Conference and discussed assessment. It was suggested to present results from 4-0 instead of 0-4. We will not do this since all previous graphs have been 0-4.</p> <p>It was advised that we disaggregate the results to discuss which objectives students were proficient in. We cannot do that since a majority of instructors gave an overall score for each skill instead of for each objective.</p> <p>We need to pare down and distribute the QI to students and faculty. Director proposed we distribute the report in mid/late fall to the campus community and then be able to discuss it with the stakeholders. This will give the GEC time to review the documents before they are distributed.</p> <p>This current HLC report requires feedback about commitment, engagement, and support by stakeholders. The Director asked Deans, departments, and colleges for their feedback and put it verbatim in the report. Chair suggested adding Troy Farley from the Career Center as well.</p> <p>Challenges Encountered --Chair asked if we wanted to provide a percentage under the last bullet point regarding number of faculty attending FTLC training.</p> <p>Opportunities --Member suggested adding information about how the workshops help train faculty on assessment.</p> <p>Faculty Governance --There are 17 elected faculty members to GEC not 16.</p> <p>Director stated that General Education will be in a rotation to write a progress report to give to the University Assessment Committee for feedback.</p>	

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	We are currently looking at Double Dip courses to see where they could swap goals to have less goals but also teach some of the goals that are encountered by students less frequently. Director will contact the units with these courses.	
CAR Replies	Director asked, If we are going to ask faculty to look at previous CARs then shouldn't we be providing the reply so people know if the CAR was well done or not? This way we prevent the same mistakes from being made again. Member thinks that if we accept inadequate CARs and just post a response then there is no motivation to do it correctly. Member suggested we send the CAR and CAR reply from the previous assessment cycle to the current assessors.	J. Robinson moved to send previous CARs and CAR replies to the person currently assessing a course. D. Vessey 2 nd . Motion carries 11-0.
Chair's Report	Director and Chair are meeting with the Honors College Curriculum Committee this week.	
Director's Report	Will send out a one-page document of what employers want for members to look at before the next meeting.	
Adjournment		4:28pm