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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE
MEETING MINUTES
September 21, 2016
Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:01 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Ian Harrington, Chris Strunk, Rob Elflin, Gillian Lederman, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Mamata Marmé, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer.

Members Absent: Kelvin Mason, Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA) – Asia Term.

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

I. Minutes

Motion - Lendol Calder moved “**to approve the minutes of the September 14th meeting as submitted.**” Mamata Marmé seconded.

MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the SEPTEMBER 14th Meeting as Submitted PASSED.

Ann Miller will file the approved minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Consent Agenda

a. D - ENGL 335 (Crowe)

Consent agenda item D – ENGL 335 (Crowe), was reviewed online by the members of the committee and approved. No further discussion was needed at the meeting.

MOTION TO APPROVE D-ENGL 335 (Crowe) PASSED.

III. OLD BUSINESS

1. PH - PHYS 305 Revised.

a. Motion - Ian Harrington moved “**to pull this item off the table and open for discussion.**” Mamata Marmé seconded. **MOTION TO PULL THIS ITEM OFF THE TABLE and OPEN FOR DISCUSSION PASSED.** Ian inquired about plans for a PP course. Mike Egan explained that PH-PHYS 305 would be part of a Learning Community for a Germany Trip. The other course that Dr. Dyer is pairing with is going to have a PP, so he felt he should offer a PH to make it more valuable to the participating students. The committee felt that Dr. Dyer sufficiently addressed previous content concerns and satisfactorily re-worked the course to emphasize the PH designation. As there was no further discussion Mike put the item to a vote. “Ayes” were unanimous. **MOTION TO APPROVE PH-PHYS 305 (Dyer) PASSED.**

b. Clarification on what constitutes a “foreign language” requirement on campus. Should we call it a “Second Language” requirement to accommodate International Students who speak

more than one language (including English)? Should consideration be made for those who speak using American Sign Language? Kristen Douglas reached out to Chair Mike Egan with a proposition that Gen Ed could craft a proposal on which to vote then pass on to EPC that defines and clarifies “foreign language” vs. “second language” requirements. Mike will consider adding this to next meeting’s agenda.

IV. Guiding Principles

*Mike Egan and Jeff Ratliff-Crain drafted a list of “Guiding Principles” that could be used to guide the crafting of a new Gen Ed Program. The draft is included in the Gen Ed Drive folder. Mike and Jeff welcome feedback and will continue to add and alter suggestions to this list accordingly.

*Topics raised for discussion regarding redesigning Gen Ed included not expanding the Gen Ed footprint; mindfulness of the impact of Gen Ed on Senior Inquiry; how Gen Ed fits into an Immersive Term; how Gen Ed would work in a semester setting for students with multiple majors.

V. ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. From Academic Affairs

*No announcements.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 4:59 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ann Miller