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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

October 28, 2015

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The meeting was called to order at 4:02 PM.

Members Present: Brian Katz, Xiaowen Zhang, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Sarah McDowell, Jamie Nordling, Mike Egan, Kelvin Mason, Rob Elflin, Mamata Marme, Rachel Weiss

Absent: Nathan Frank, Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Elizabeth Fetscher (SGA), Kevin Zaldivan (SGA), Caitlin Slone (SGA)

Guests: Christina Myatt

I. Minutes

Motion- Mamata Marme moved **“to approve the minutes of the October 21st meeting as submitted.”**

Kelvin Mason seconded.

Discussion was opened. There were typos noted and a change noted to our representation from SGA.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 21ST MEETING WITH THE NOTED CHANGES.

Christina Myatt will file the amended minutes with Mary Koski in Academic Affairs.

II. CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Developing a more shared vision

Discussion opened with looking at everyone's comments from last week. It appears that there are three frames- goals, skills, and questions. Questions raised were: are these three frames separate or connected? Do we pick one frame or admit that there are multiple? Discussion turned to the recursive nature of what we do.

The following thought was raised: It is not what to think but how to think, not what to do but how to do.

Discussion turned to how we want to share this vision with the greater community. The committee tended to lean toward a multi media approach which could use students, evoke emotion, and be outward facing.

Week 4 of Winter term will be a joint meeting with CFE. We need to have something for that meeting.

Discussion turned to concerns about "coherence". Does the story need to be the same? Overall feeling of the committee is that we need to be consistent in messaging, coherent in trying to make sense of the pieces for others. We need a bridge from a list of requirements to the big picture.

Two visuals emerged in discussion.

Swiss Army Knife- major is one component (tool), one tool unlocks another.

Indian Goddess- many arms each with powerful tools

Brian Katz has created a Google doc for the committee entitled "Spiels". If you have yours typed out, please copy and paste to this document. Christina and Brian will begin transcribing the others from the audio file.

III. NEW BUSINESS

1. Update from Academic Affairs

None given.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

An interesting idea: replace "undeclared" with "liberal arts concentration"?

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:01 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt