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GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

December 2, 2015

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

Members Present: Imran Farooqi, Jeff Ratliff-Crain, Sarah McDowell, Jamie Nordling, Kelvin Mason, Nathan Frank, Brian Katz, Rob Elflin, Rachel Weiss, Lendol Calder

Absent: Mamata Marme, Lisa Seidlitz, Chris Marme, Elizabeth Fetscher (SGA), Kevin Zaldivan (SGA), Caitlin Slone (SGA)

Guests: Christina Myatt

I. Minutes

Motion- Sarah McDowell moved **“to approve the minutes of the November 25th meeting as submitted.”**

Imran Farooqi seconded.

Discussion was opened. It was noted that Chris Marme was marked both present and absent.

MOTION PASSED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 25TH MEETING WITH CORRECTION.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

1. Planning the GenEd + CFE workshop on 12/9, 4-5pm

Discussion ensued about the purpose and work to be done at this meeting next week. This is really an extension of the wonderful conversation that happened at Friday Conversation. Want participants to talk about how they articulate how their work is part of the students' liberal arts education. Looking for "what is the story".

Participants will meet in small groups and talk about how they share the story in LPs, LCs, advising, with prospective students/parents, etc.

III. CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Tabled Motions

- a. Two of the tabled course approvals (LC1-Learning Portfolios and LSFY 103-Dobson-Soccer) have requested a continued tabling for more time to answer the concerns of the committee.

Rachel Weiss moved "**to table the two approvals**".
Kelvin Mason seconded.

There was no discussion so a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES. LC 1-LEARNING PORTFOLIO AND LSFY 103-DOBSON-SOCCER ARE TABLED.

- b. LSFY 103- Plume Campaigns

Additional information had been supplied which met the concerns of the committee. Symposium Day is now not optional and there is a corresponding assignment.

There was no further discussion. A vote was taken.

THE MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LSFY 103- PLUME-CAMPAIGNS.

2. Course Approvals

A. LTAM-320 PS

Nathan Frank moved, **“to approve LTAM-320 for a PS learning perspective.”**

Jamie Nordling seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion.

A vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LTAM-320 FOR A PS LEARNING PERSPECTIVE.

B. ENGL-125E PL

Sarah McDowell moved, **“to approve ENGL-125E for a PL learning perspective.”**

Nathan Frank seconded.

Concerns: The syllabus is thin. It seems more like a draft and is missing many of the elements that a syllabus must have (grading scales, hours, objectives). It appears to be a PL but is there enough about methodology and how it is being taught? It seems that the PL as a way of knowing information is not there. If the syllabus explained the proposal there would not be as many questions. What are the objectives of the course? One member stressed that we were questioning the course and making the faculty member jump through hoops. There was discussion about fairness and equality to all instructors, making sure that the requirements of the perspective are indeed being addressed and the concerns with if the proposal and syllabus as presented would make it through EPC.

Jamie Nordling motioned, **“to table the approval of ENGL-125E for a PL learning perspective.”**

Rachel Weiss seconded.

A vote was taken. As it was close, a show of hands was requested.

MOTION TABLED.

C. LSFY 103-Scarlett-Education2

Rob Elfine moved, **“to approve LSFY 103- Scarlett Education2.”**

Jamie Nordling seconded.

The concern raised was that there was no day to day schedule included in the syllabus. That is not a requirement. While there was not a specific day to day schedule for the course, the work and intent of the class are very well outlined.

As there was no additional discussion, a vote was taken.

MOTION PASSES TO APPROVE LSFY 103- SCARLETT-EDUCATION2.

D. LC2- EvolutionRevolutionBerlin

Kelvin moved, **“to approve EvolutionRevolutionBerlin as an LC.”**

Rob Elfine seconded.

The floor was opened for discussion. The primary question was if this is truly an LC. While the community is very definitely defined, the interdisciplinary portion of the LC is what is in question. There is mention of a common assignment, but not enough detail. There appears to be a mismatch in the connections between the two courses in the syllabi.

Sarah McDowell moved, **“to table the approval of EvolutionRevolutionBerlin as an LC.”**

Rachel Weiss seconded.

A vote was taken.

MOTION TABLED.

3. Updates from Academic Affairs

None was given.

Due to the expiration of time, the remainder of the agenda will be carried over to the December 16th meeting.

IV. ANNOUNCEMENTS

V. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 5:04 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christina Myatt