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**GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES**

October 26, 2016  
Olin 304

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM.

Members Present: Mike Egan (Chair), Kirsten Day, Ian Harrington, Kelvin Mason, Jeff Ratliff-Crain (XO), Lisa Seidlitz, Lendol Calder, Christopher Strunk, Rachel Weiss, Amanda Wilmsmeyer, Rob Elflin

Members Absent: Mamata Marmé, Gillian Lederman, Vanessa Beck (SGA), Luke Stoefen (SGA) – Asia Term.

Guest: Ann Miller, Thomas Tredway Library

**I. Minutes**

Motion – Ian Harrington moved “**to approve the minutes of the October 12, 2016 and the October 19, 2016 meetings as submitted.**” Lisa Seidlitz seconded.

**MOTION TO APPROVE the MINUTES of the OCTOBER 12th and OCTOBER 19th meetings as submitted PASSED.**

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

**II. Reactions to Student Input During our Week 9 Meeting**

\*Chairman Egan opened the floor to general discussion on reactions to input given during the special meeting held by the Gen Ed Committee in the Gerber Center during Week 9.

\*One main take-away was the notion that more can be done with the already existing programs and courses to make learning outcomes more meaningful to students.

\*It was noted that the student input was helpful to the committee in uncovering dissatisfaction with existing programs that “looked good” on paper but were ultimately not giving students what they wanted/needed.

\*Committee members found it beneficial to know that some of the student dissatisfactions stemmed more from lack of awareness of some of the programs and diversity initiatives already available than from non-existence of said programs and initiatives.

**III. Incorporating Frico Discussion into Guiding Principles & Curricular Design**

\*Committee members discussed several important points that were brought up at the past week’s Friday Conversation. At the same time, Chairman Egan incorporated many of them, onscreen, into the Guiding Principles draft. As a result of much conversation and certain clarifications, the Guiding Principles were completed and can now be found in the Gen Ed Drive Folder.

**IV. FYI 101/100**

\*Rob Elflin answered questions and offered proposed descriptions of the future look and feel of the FYI 101/100 classes. In light of recent campus events and student feedback, more emphasis will definitely be placed on the “D” component.

**V. HEPE Input from Athletic Director**

No input at this time.

**VI. Looking Ahead to Winter Term**

- a. Chairman Egan encouraged the committee to please continue to add to the “Spitball” folder over the break. The “Spitball” folder is located in the Gen Ed Drive folder.
- b. Chairman Egan is holding to a firm deadline of Week 1 of Winter Term for faculty course proposal submissions.

**VIII. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:07 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Ann Miller