

General Education Curriculum Committee

Tuesday, April 14th 2015

9:00-11:00

EDUC 246

Draft Minutes

Members Present: P. Newberry, C. Kemnitz, A. Gebauer, J. Tarjan, A. Duran, D. Gove, E. Case, R.S. Daniels, K. Barrios

Visitors: K. O'Bannon, D. Jackson, R. Weller

1. Announcements

- a. ASI has been asked for input on thematic minor requirements.
- b. Kathy reported that students favored the one unit capstone requirement.
- c. We have several courses to review for our next meeting.

2. John has been asked to be the note-taker for the group since Janea can no longer attend our meetings.

3. Thematic Minor Discussion

- a. There was concern that having even one unit over the maximum required for a minor would result in fewer students taking the minor.
- b. There is concern that the current courses within themes are not very cohesive in content and some type of integrative experience would be appropriate.
- c. The GE capstone reflection requirement might provide some integration for students.
- d. Option 1 (4 courses, at least two ud, 1-unit capstone strongly suggested) passed.

4. Discussion of academic qualifications to teach the FYE requirement.

- a. In the past we have required a master's degree to teach in the program (Title V funding requirement).
- b. There was a debate about what would be the appropriate degree level requirement for instructors of the FYS course.
- c. We will need to start recruiting faculty for FYS in fall 2016.

- d. Perhaps we can provide some support (WTU) to encourage our full-time faculty to participate more fully in FYS.
- 5. Report from the Documenting GE Task Force (John, Kelly)
 - a. We should collect information without having a narrow purpose—truly document what is happening.
 - b. We should start with the current program as a part of a broader history, history of GE at CSUB.
 - c. Paul should contact Doug Dodd and Curt Asher to discuss what they have done about archiving for the 50th celebration. Chris Livingstone should also be a part of the conversation.
- 6. AVID Event with Betty Krohn
 - a. She is the head of AVID for higher education.
 - b. She will be on campus on June 5th 10-12 to do training.
 - c. We have done very little to date with the tutoring aspect of AVID.
 - d. We may wish to revisit the role of AVID, reinforcing it throughout the curriculum. Aimed at “B” and “C” HS students.
 - e. Some GECCo members are big proponents of AVID.
 - f. Perhaps we can make AVID a part of the skills FLCs.
- 7. We discussed our reviewing assignments now that we have a new member.
 - a. The thematic leaders will be encouraged to review course submissions from a thematic perspective.
 - b. We will strive to include all voting members in decisions if there are scheduling conflicts in reviewing courses on which there may not be a consensus.
- 8. The committee reviewed an overview of our Title 5 draft application.
 - a. Suggestions for perfection were provided.We commented on the problems faced, strategies to address them and measurements/assessments.
- 9. The meeting was adjourned at 10:50.