

GECCo Meeting
Wednesday, May 11th @ 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Health Center

GECCo Members Present: Steve Daniels, Andreas Gebauer, Anne Duran, David Gove, Emerson Case, John Tarjan, Kamala Kruszka, Paul Newberry, Vernon Harper

LCFs: Aaron Hegde, Kim Flachmann, Becky Larson, Kelly O'Bannon, Jeff Moffit, Rebecca Weller

Scribe: Melanie Silva

Updates:

- I. Themes – Aaron
 - a. Come up with a general rubric to make sure all themes are being met.
 - b. Create a signature assignment.
 - c. For the learning communities to function they need a mass of people to continue to attend workshops
 - d. *The Big Thirst* author will be here Oct. 27th. Book fits all three themes
 - i. Theme facilitators will pick out 3 excerpts from the book that pertains to their theme and they will share this with FYS
- II. Skills – Kim
 - a. We must “chase” people next year to attend our workshops
 - b. We need to finish our “training” this year and start our continuous Learning Communities next year.
- III. GPS – John
 - a. JYDR issue is diversity coverage
 - b. FYE Runner Life has 24 chapters
 - c. Modules to help out instructors with syllabi
- IV. Title V Grant – Paul
 - a. Still waiting on for grant budget questions to be answered. Therefore, no final decision has been made in regards to Summer Institute
 - i. If we can give a Summer Institute, it will be Monday of University Week.
 - ii. If not, we should have time during the official 3-day University Week.

Discussion:

- V. Fall 2016 Scheduling Update – Paul
 - a. Students are registering at a slower pace than usual—only 1500 so far, roughly half of normal.
 - b. Keeping track of FYS
- VI. NSME and Course Caps – Paul

- a. Three of the four schools are following GECCo recommended course caps.
 - b. Some GECCo member expressed significant concerns over the viability of the program in light of the course caps not adhered to by one school (NSME) and one department (political science). They believe that this impending failure of the new GE program is a consequence of the funding model that has not separated GE funding from department funding.
- VII. The Future of The GE Program and GECCo
 - a. A discussion of the current state of affairs with AIMS implementation and GECCo's role moving forward.
- VIII. Coverage of diversity/diversity reflection assignment in JYDR – John
 - a. When they do reflection, what are they going to talk about?
 - b. John will take materials and discuss with JYDR instructors and then bring back information to GECCo
- IX. C/C- Grade for GVAR – Paul
 - a. Should the change from a C being the lowest grade to satisfy A1-A4 requirements to a CO mandated C- be extended to GVAR courses?
 - b. **Approved:** C- is the lowest grade to pass GVAR.
- X. Psych SELF course pre-reqs, revised:
 - a. Anne will check with Carol
 - b. Paul will ask Psychology to provide a rationale for adding additional pre-reqs for 3 Psych SELF courses.
 - c. **Approved:** both PSYC 3318 and 3348 may add pre-req of Junior standing (completion of at least 60 units).
- XI. Assessment Coordinator Requirements – Assessment Coordinator Task Force (Anne, Steve, Andreas)
 - a. A GECCo Task Force created a draft of Job Responsibilities and Required Qualifications for an Assessment Coordinator position.
 - b. One change was suggested: Change Required Qualifications to “expectations.”
 - c. **Approved:** The committee recommends the draft document with the single above change for the Provost's consideration.
- XII. Psych 4908 withdrawn from Sen Sem Capstone, use as generic? **Next meeting**
- XIII. Collection of syllabi for GE courses – Debra **Next meeting**
- XIV. Instructor Qualifications, continued – John **Next meeting**

Next GECCo meeting on May 20th @ 12-2 pm.
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