

GECCo Meeting
Friday October 20, 2017 2:00pm-4:00pm
Health Center Conference Room

Members Present: P. Newberry, **M. Slaughter**, K. Flachmann, **I. Sumaya**, **J. Tarjan**, **A. Duran**, **C. Kloock**, **C. MacQuarrie**, S. Medina, K. O'Bannon

Guest: J. Dirkse

Scribe: M. Silva

Notes

1. Reconsider policy for FYS exception for previous college units - J. Dirkse
 - a. Current policy for students: Student with fewer than 12 units has to take 1009 & 1019. With 12-29 units has to take 1019 only. 30+ units don't have to take FYS at all.
 - b. Fall 2017 data from J. Dirkse: Of 971 transfers, 40 are below 29 units and only 14 have 0 units. 16 have applied for graduation.
 - c. Proposing that if they are transfers, they don't have to take FYS courses. If they are native (admitted as Freshmen), they are required to take both FYS courses.
 - i. All were in favor. New policy approved to take effect asap.

ACTION: Paul will email John Dirkse who will replace the old requirements in People Soft with the new requirements. [DONE]

2. Faculty Director review policy
 - a. Discussion on whether the Executive Committee or GECCo should recommend the Faculty Director to the Provost for appointment. Agreement was reached on including both entities in the selection process and the wording was changed accordingly.
3. GECCo absence/alternate/substitute policy
 - a. Whether we should allow/encourage/require that an alternate should be appointed for GECCo members on official leave (for example, on sabbatical).
 - i. Yes, alternates should be required for GECCo members on leave. They can be recommended by the member and approved by GECCo. **Approved.**
 - b. Whether we should ask members who cannot attend a meeting to provide an alternate.
 - i. J. Tarjan feels as though lack of a quorum will cause problems.
 - ii. No major problems have been specified due to lack of a quorum thus far.
 - iii. Substitute will need all previous meeting minutes prior to meeting.
 - iv. Substitute will not know prior context.
 - v. Committee decided to not allow alternates for individual absences.

- c. Suggestion to limit missed meetings: In the senate, if a member is missing for 3 consecutive meetings with no explanation, they are out. Should we practice the same?
 - i. Yes. Schools will re-vote for their GECCo representative if ousted.
 - ii. The call for nominations should note that GECCo members **MUST** be available Friday's 2-4 pm or they cannot be a member.
- d. When a lack of quorum limits votes, the following were approved as useful ways to continue work.
 - i. If the issue is pressing, we can attempt an email vote.
 - ii. If it is not a pressing issue, we will practice good will and move topic to a later meeting.
- e. Faculty Director substitute?
 - i. The Faculty Director can ask anyone from the larger GE group to chair a meeting in his/her absence.
 - ii. Agreed that if the substitute FD is a GECCo voting member, that member will still retain voting rights.
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