**General Education Policy Review Committee**

**Minutes of the September14 Meeting**

Present: Gary Olsen, John Houghton, Randy Olson, James Sage, Julie Schneider, Robert Sirabian, Greg Summers, Mary Holland.

Called to order at 3:03pm.

The minutes of September 7 were amended.

Old Business: Review comments from Open Forum.

The committee discussed if General Education degree requirements are the same or different than Universal Degree requirements.

New Business: Review and provide feedback on the Article XI: General Education Committee proposal developed by CHRS.

1. The committee discussed if they would like to see faculty members elected rather than chosen by the chair. This proposal is under the purview of the committee so it is fair to offer feedback as a committee response.

1. The committee discussed whether to edit the document or start fresh.

3. The committee discussed if the term of one year for an elected chair with a maximum of two years is a concern.

4. The committee discussed Section 3B: selection of two faculty members per college. The committee considered the suggestion of one appointed and one elected from each college.

1. 5. The committee discussed an alternative to selecting representatives by colleges. One option would be to have one representative per Gen Ed category. The committee considered the suggestion to have people run for all the Foundation level sub-groups so that it’s truly Gen Ed being represented. Election of members by Gen Ed categories at Foundation, CEA sidebar, Investigation levels.
2. The committee discussed the college representation: elected or appointed
3. It was suggested that only tenured faculty could serve.
4. The committee discussed if the Office of Policy Analysis and Planning would be a non-voting position. Are they only for consultation or an actual member? In terms of simplicity and fairness, all members should be voting members?
5. The committee discussed administrative top-down control of curriculum;? nine faculty votes and six non-academic staff versus elected representation by Gen Ed category.
6. The committee discussed that there should be a member from the registrar’s office.
7. The committee discussed if the Chair should have alternative assignment time. But no other committee chairs receive alternate assignment time.
8. It was suggested in strategic planning the committee could write in that the Director of Gen Ed position is always a member of the committee.
9. The committee discussed how fast do we need to draft a version of this document? Finished by the first week of October.
10. This would be an appendix to 5B, so Step 6 would be to do what ever is left over.
11. It was discussed if the committee should get campus feedback on this.
12. The committee discussed if the Chair is director of Gen Ed with 0.5 teaching appointment and 0.5 administrative.
13. The committee discussed if any college is not represented by an elected member then the Dean of that college could appoint a representative.
14. The committee discussed if faculty members serve two-year terms with half being elected each year, up to six consecutive years.
15. Greg will make revised changes to document (track changes) to review next week.

Homework: Revisions to GEC and Review input on Open Forum and website.

Adjourned at 4:58pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Holland.