Members Present: Allen, Bender, Brumfield, Carlone, Harris Houk, Henline, Lennartson, McCall, Newman, Pettazzoni, Schunk, Stephens, and Terranova

Guests: Corey Johnson, Department of Geography

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from October 28, 2016 – Approved (McCall, Lennartson)

II. Recertification
GHP, GRD, and GN updates:
Chair introduced Cory Johnson, Chair of Geography and Chair of GN ad hoc committee. Council expanded the charge to the GN ad hoc committee, as GL and GN markers coordinate tightly together, to also look at GL description and SLOs. Corey provided background for the proposed GL/ GN revisions. The ad hoc committee recommends:
1) Eliminating LG 4 from both GL and GN
2) Changing the name of Global Non-Western to Non-Western
3) Breaking down the somewhat artificial boundary between Global and Global Non-Western by removing specific geographical descriptors (countries/continents) and focusing instead on the distinction between dominant Euro-American traditions/cultures/polities and non-Western ones.

The current GL courses are not that global and lots of GN courses are not global in scope.
Discussion followed concerning ability to measure LG 4, revisions needed if GN marker is changed to NW. Chair asked Council to share proposed language with colleagues. Council would like to review the GL and GN language side by side and asked the ad hoc committee to proceed with changes to GL language.

Chair advised GRD ad hoc committee is meeting this afternoon to finalize their recommendations.
GHP ad hoc committee is reviewing courses, they hope to be finished by December 1.

Chair asked Council to review the future charge to ad hoc committees (posted in Box) and provide feedback. Discussion followed concerning defining achievement levels. Council is asking the ad hoc committees to define the levels for the category, should the committees define proficiency also? Samples of student work products would be helpful. The level of the course matters (100 v. 400). Definitions of achievement levels will help with assessment. GRD language will be used as a model. Motion to approve charge to future ad hoc recertification committees (McCall, Terranova) Approved.

Review of GSB category description and SLOs. Discussion concerning definition of social and behavioral sciences. Questions for GSB ad hoc committee - (1) What is meant by “a particular discipline” in the Category Description, (2) SLO 2, what qualifies as “theories of the social and behavioral sciences”? (3) How does this link to empirical scientific inquiry in LG4? Discussion continued concerning membership of ad hoc committees, council should have a liaison on each committee, to aid in communication. Experts should draft the Category Definition and SLOs, Council’s responsibility is to ensure courses are open.

III. General Education Chair 2017-18
Discussion concerning proposed language for resolution to Faculty Senate to revise who may chair the General Education Council. Motion to approve resolution (McCall, Schunk). Approved. Chair will forward to Faculty Senate.

IV. General Education Program Review
Chair shared comments from the last open forum, notes from all open forums are posted in Box, along with an email from Roberto Campo (Big Idea Proposal). We are at a point where we should think about the next steps: scope, timeline, membership. Discussion followed concerning definition of review, student perspectives of general education. Chair will look through comments from open discussions and pull out broad themes, for Council review. Additional information is needed from the Provost, survey alumni, employers, and students. Other questions for the Provost - what resources are available for the review, definition of effective, timeline? Council would like to invite the Provost to a future meeting, possibly January.

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.
Next meeting is December 9, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. in 1607 MHRA