Meeting Minutes  
April 13, 2015  
2:00 – 3:30 PM • 1607 Moore Humanities and Research Building

Members present: Allen, Anderson, Brown, Brumfield, Carroll, Duffy, Feather, Harris Houk, Henline, Kurtts, Newman, Pettazzoni, Pubantz, Rychtar, and Zarecki

Guests: David Carlone, Communication Studies

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2015. Motion to approve minutes. (Newman, Feather). Minutes approved.

II. Pilot Assessment of General Education Competencies

Terry Brumfield provided an update on the ETS pilot tests for Critical Thinking and Written Communication. Target goal was to have 170 students participate in the pilot, currently 97 students have taken both test and 99 students have taken one test. Chair advised there are two more dates, if anyone is interested in having their class participate, please let him know. ETS will provide data from the pilot.

III. Council Roster for 2015-2016

Chair introduced incoming Chair, David Carlone and advised we have replacements for members rotating off, Stephanie Kurtts has agreed to serve an additional year. New members are David Carlone (Chair), CAS: Communication Studies; Aaron Terranova, HHS: Kinesiology; David Sullivan, SMTD: Theatre; Amy Vines, CAS: English. Chair thanked all members for their service.

IV. Revised SLOs for GPR, GFA, and GLT

Chair advised GFA, GLT and GPR Recertification sub committees have submitted revised SLOs.  
GFA sub-committee SLO recommendations (reduced from three):
(1) Describe and interpret art forms in relation to cultural values (LG1, LG 3)
(2) Identify the fundamental roles of artistic expression in personal or collective experience (LG 5)
Motion to approve revised GFA SLOs (Anderson, Brown). Motion approved.
GLT sub committee recommendations (reduced from four):
(1) Demonstrate orally, in writing, or by some other means a fundamental ability to use some of the techniques and/or methods of literary analysis. (LG1, LG3)
(2) Identify and/or describe some of the various social, historical, cultural, and/or theoretical context in which literary texts have been written and interpreted. (LG3)
Motion to approve revised GLT SLOs (Brown, Newman). Motion approved.
GPR subcommittee SLO recommendations (reduced from four):
(1) Describe and analyze at least two significant philosophical, religious, and/or ethical theories or traditions.
(2) Compare and contrast the assumptions, arguments, beliefs, and/or practices of two or more of these theories or traditions.
(3) Apply the general description of these theories and/or traditions to specific instances.
Discussion followed concerning the Learning Goals, SLOs are not linked to LGs, LG4 is not addressed, it appears that LG4 was dropped prior to revision. Discussion continued concerning need for a rationale for SLO revisions.
Motion to approve revised GPR SLOs (Anderson, Feather). Amendment to motion, approve pending clarification of the relationship of SLOs to LGs (Newman, Duffy). Amendment to motion approved. Amended motion approved. Chair will contact GPR sub-committee for clarification.

V. Questions for Consideration Regarding Operating Procedure of Council

Chair advised Curriculum Guide is to be reviewed each year. A list of process questions was posted in Blackboard. Discussion followed concerning GEC and its relationship to UCC and Faculty Senate. Should GEC be placed as a permanent committee of the UCC while maintaining the same charge? If Council members are no longer Provost appointed, would they be elected? Council representation would remain the same. Discussion continued concerning appeals process, voting members, ex-officio. Liam Duffy advised Bruce Kirchoff has a description of the authority structure and appeals process, this might be useful for Council. Discussion concerning appeals process language. Chair will contact GSC chair to discuss GSC appeals language/process. Chair asked council members to please review the questions posted on Blackboard and the General Education section of the Curriculum Guide and be prepared to discuss at the next meeting.

Next meeting is April 27, 2015.
Motion to adjourn (Feather, Carroll).
Meeting adjourned at 3:20 pm