

Council on General Education
September 10, 2009
3:30 p.m. Algonquin Room, University Union

Minutes

Present

Diana Allen, Steve Bennett, Amy Brock, David Casagrande. Sean Cordes, Judi Dallinger (ex officio), David Haugen, Doug Huff, Candace Mclaughlin (ex officio), John Miller, Diane Sandage, Jim Schmidt (ex officio), Cynthia Struthers, Dennis DeVolder (guest), Ginny Boynten (Guest), Patty Mason (Guest)

Introductions

Introductions for returning and new members were made around the table.

Approval of minutes from last meeting

The minutes from the May 2009 meeting were tentatively approved.

Meeting Dates

The CGE meeting dates for the 2009-10 academic year are posted at www.wiu.edu/gened/about.php. All meetings will be in the Algonquin Room.

2008-09 Annual Report

Phyllis Rippey presented the CGE Annual Report to Faculty Senate on September 1. The report was well received.

Secretary for 2009-10 CGE meetings

Sean Cordes volunteered and accepted the responsibility for minute taking in the 2009-2010 school year.

General Education Credit for Transfer Courses

Ginny Boynten addressed the Council regarding clarification about the designation of elective courses meeting the Gen Ed requirements. Patty Mason, Transfer Articulation Supervisor from admissions noted that a number of forms with elective classes came from other schools where these electives were designated as Gen Ed courses. The Council reviewed a sample form. It was determined and agreed that courses with direct equivalency would be treated as meeting Gen Ed requirements for our purposes. It was also decided that the department chair will determine if an elective course meets this requirement and if clarification is need the council will consult with the chair to reach an understanding about individual cases where clarification is needed.

Professor Boynton suggested that a line be included on the form to forward the form to Annette, so that in these cases where a class may meet Gen Ed requirements but the chair is uncertain, the Council may review the individual course. Judi asked if the IAI had committees to review these types of issues and Patty Mason responded that they did.

Ed classes, i.e., “data collected for every section of every *Gen Ed* class.” This idea was also agreed upon.

Other

Sean remarked that the IBHE has a section in their guidelines that all Gen Ed classes must contain a library component. While it is understood that most courses contain a form of library related work (paper writing, research), Sean will bring this document forward to the Council at a later date to ensure that the library is not remiss in providing instructional services towards this end.

John Miller alerted the Council to the fact that the IAI feels that the Comm 241 course is not in accordance with Gen Ed requirements because of issues with the way the public speaking portion of the class is conducted in the online version of the course. John gave a comparison of the difference between the public speaking activities in the 2 versions of the course. He alerted the council to the fact that a spin off of the course title comm. 242 may be required to address this issue.

Next Meeting: 3:30 p.m., Thursday, September 24, 2009, Algonquin Room