

# General Education Council Minutes

March 3/9/2016

## Minutes

**Present:** Rich Sleezer, Jim Costello, Joan Brewer, Kalyan Chakraborty, Brian Hollenbeck, Kathy Landwehr, Jo Kord, Catherine Bergman, Neil Luo, Heidi Hamilton, Steve Lovett, and Sheila Markowitz

**Absent:** Kamal Lamsal, Desiree De La Pena, Johnny Morgan, Kim Massoth

Call to order 3:05

Approval of Minutes – Motion to approve Brian Hollenbeck, Second Joan Brewer. Approved as amended (Kalyan Chakraborty was not present and absent).

Old Business:

Update on Senate Bill Rescinding CAAP Test – Nothing new to report. Jim will contact Melissa Bailey to update status for next meeting.

Gary Wyatt (CW111) gave a brief explanation of the changes that he has made to CW 111. He explained how it now aligns with the goals of general education, the honors college and the university strategic plan. He allayed concerns that the content of the course was variable by explaining that all sections are the same now in terms of content and syllabi. He provided details with regard to specific assignments in the course that address Personal and Social Well Being (Goal 4) and how his learning outcomes would be assessed. Costello inquired if the course was just available for honors students and Wyatt answered that it was open to any motivated student. Dr. Wyatt also indicated that for the foreseeable he felt it was important for the Honors Director to teach the course.

A motion was made to approve Dr. Wyatt's request to have CW111 included as an official general education course addressing Goal 4. Personal and Social Well-being by Catherine Bergman. The motion was seconded by Steve Lovett. The council voted unanimously to approve. Sleezer was tasked with notifying Anita Davis to include CW111 as an official general education course in the 2016-2017 Course Catalogue.

Costello led a discussion of the process for formal petition, consideration and approval of new general education courses. Indicated that there should probably be a re-evaluation process to assure that assessment was being carried out for courses to remain on the menu for general education. A general discussion ensued about the possibility of a resolution from the council to require or review the assessment materials for general education courses.

Joan Brewer suggested that assessment materials be submitted to the council for review. She agreed to provide bullet point outline of what should be included in a general education course assessment and what a report might look like.

Steve Lovett made a motion to adjourn at 4:00. Seconded by Heidi Hamilton. Approved by voice vote 4:02.

