General Education Council

March 27, 2019 @ 3:00pm-4:00pm PKP, MU

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rich Sleezer, Kim Massoth, Carol Lucy, Qiang Shi, Will Senn, Amy Oelschlaeger, Kathy Landwehr, David McKenzie, Joan Brewer, Basil Kessler, Shawna Shane, Sheila Markowitz, and Javier Flores

ABSENT: Clinton Henderson (open position), Sawyer Barragan, Jo Kord, and Andy Houchins

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: March 6, 2019 minutes will be voted at the April 10, 2019 meeting.

UPDATE ON FSB-Sleezer attended the Faculty Senate – Academic Affairs Committee meeting on March 26th. He reported that after some discussion, a few questions and some editing of the rationale the Committee voted to put the bill forward to the Faculty Senate for first reading. Both Sleezer and Lucy felt the edits were good changes. The Chair of the Academic Affairs Committee will therefore take it to the next meeting of the Faculty Senate Executive meeting which will be the first step to move it to the full Senate for first reading. Lucy indicated that she feels Sleezer should be there at their next Faculty Senate meeting. Sleezer and Markowitz both agreed to attend.

OVERVIEW OF GEAT GOALS. Sleezer reported that this coming year (2019-20) there will be another version of the General Education Assessment Team (GEAT IV). He provided the Council with an overview of GEAT IV would be working on. He indicated that up to this point the committee had been reviewing how we assess our general education program. Sleezer stated that in the upcoming year GEAT IV would look outward and do an environmental scan on what other data that the university needs in order to prepare for making informed modifications to our general education program. They will be investigating how high schools are preparing students for college and how high curricula have changed. They will investigate what alumni and employers of our students would recommend be taught in our general education program to better prepare them for a professional career. They will also be consulting information what outside organizations recommend that colleges and universities include in their general education programs. Ultimately GEAT IV will be reporting their recommendations for modification or redesign of our general education program to the General Education Council in May 2020.

UPDATE ON BSN & MUSIC ED-No news to report

Meeting adjourned: 3:25pm

Recorder: km