

**WESTERN MICHIGAN UNIVERSITY  
FACULTY SENATE  
COMMITTEE TO OVERSEE GENERAL EDUCATION  
Minutes of 20 April 2015**

**Members Present:** Raja Aravamuthan, Tracy DeMars, Bruce Ferrin, John Geiser, Willem Homan, David Reinhold, Jacinda Swanson

**Members Absent:** Sharie Falan, Mustafa Mirzeler, Kathryn Wagner

**Liaisons Present:** Kevin Knutson, Sharon Van Dyken

**Also Present:** Adam Roberts, Public Relations major

**Staff:** Suzanne Davenport

The meeting was called to order at 10 a.m. by Chair John Geiser.

### PROCEDURAL ITEMS

#### *Acceptance of the Agenda*

The agenda was accepted as presented.

#### *Approval of 6 April Minutes*

A motion was made by Aravamuthan, supported by Ferrin, to approve the minutes of 6 April 2015. Motion carried.

### ACTION/DISCUSSION ITEMS

#### *Development of Rubrics – AREA II, Humanities*

The committee reviewed the administrative criteria and learning outcomes criteria in the draft rubric. When complete, the intention is for departments to use this to score the courses for which they are seeking general education approval in Area II and explain how they fit in this area. It was suggested that faculty write a paragraph for each course syllabus so that students better understand the learning outcomes for the course.

#### *Development of Rubrics – AREA III, The United States: Cultures and Issues*

The committee discussed and provided input on the administrative criteria and learning outcomes criteria in the draft rubric.

#### *Policy Discussions (postponed until a future meeting)*

1. General Education credit for a one week course/experience
2. Is the current policy in regards to the Lee Honors College flawed?
  - a. Honors College is allowed to offer for General Education a new course the first time.
  - b. What can be done to make a better process?

*Other Rubrics (discussion of other rubrics was postponed)*

#### Subcommittee Assignments

Subcommittee One (DeMars, Geiser, Homan) – Areas III & IV

Subcommittee Two (Aravamuthan, Ferrin, Knutson) – Areas V & VII

Subcommittee Three (Reinhold, Swanson, Wagner) – Areas I and VI

Subcommittee Four (Falan, Mirzeler, Van Dyken) – Areas II & VIII

#### *Tabled Proposals*

Four curriculum proposals remain tabled, awaiting receipt of information:

- a. [CHHS 13-14] NUR 3430, Nursing Research - RN, requests approval in Proficiency 2, Baccalaureate-Level Writing
- b. [CAS.15-62] ENGL 4790 Writing in the Secondary School – current course, requests approval in proficiency 2, baccalaureate writing
- c. [CAS 15-32] GEOS 2020 Egypt – Civilization and Geology – change title to Civilization and Geology; change description; offer optional field trip for 3 additional credits; retain in Area IV: Other Cultures and Civilizations
- d. [LHC15-11] HNRS 3203 Introduction to Game Design – new course; requests approval in Area II: Humanities; previously taught under HNRS 2900 Honors Seminar

### ADJOURNMENT

This was the final meeting of the academic year. Meeting dates will be arranged for 2015-16 and sent to members during the summer. The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. by Chair John Geiser.

Suzanne Davenport, Faculty Senate Office