

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
December 10, 2015
Minutes

Attending: Gail Fernandez, Denise Budd, Joshua Guttman, Kate Hossain, Tracy Saltwick, Andrew Tomko, Ann Brown, Takvor Mutafoğlu, Ilene Kleinman.
Guest: Brian Cordell

1. Meeting started at 12:35.
2. November Minutes were accepted 8-0-0.
3. Gen Ed Committee Status
 - a. The letter sent to the Senate Executive Committee expressing our desire to keep the committee as is through the academic year 2015-2016 was not responded to.
 - b. Chair again expressed her concern that changing the chair and committee in the middle of an academic year raises a red flag to the Middle States accreditors.
 - c. The chair suggested that the incoming chair and current chair serve as co-chairs in the spring to assure a smooth transition.
 - d. The remainder of the Committee will remain as is. One academic and transfer counselor will be added to the committee (not sure when).
4. Gen Ed Assessment Update
 - a. Chair asked committee members to remind faculty to submit artifacts.
 - b. We have been receiving artifacts from a number of faculty.
5. General Education Outcomes Matrix Distribution
 - a. Will be put on website once all committee members send in their work.
6. Chair and one member briefly highlighted some of the information presented at the 2015 Middle States Annual Conference:
 - a. New models of delivering gen ed courses:
 - i. Using MOOCs for some courses
 - ii. Self-paced courses with a monthly fee
 - b. Guided curriculum was a big part of the Middle States conference.
Gen Ed meeting conversation:
 - i. Some members expressed concern about these practices and that some students aren't prepared for our courses.
 - ii. Today's college student is not the same as when we were in school
 - iii. More federal accountability is here to stay

7. Other topics:
 - a. The chair suggested that committee members read *Redesigning America's Community Colleges*, Baily, Smith Jaggars & Jenkins, Harvard University Press 2015.
 - b. The chair mentioned that high impact practices (learning communities, active learning, problem solving, service learning, internships) are found to help student learning.
 - c. One member mentioned that we need to take control of our own destiny.
 - d. Some faculty did not want to be told how to teach their classes.

8. Meeting adjourned at 1:00.

Submitted by Gail Fernandez