

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
February 20, 2014
Minutes

Attending:

Gail Fernandez, Ann Brown, Denise Budd, Louis Crescitelli, Joshua Guttman, Gina Hermann, Takvor Mutafoğlu, Elizabeth Romano, Tracy Saltwick, Harriet Teredomos, Barbara Walcott

1. The meeting started at 12:35 pm. The Chair thanked the committee for making themselves available today as the original meeting was cancelled because of a snowstorm.
2. The Committee did not accept the December minutes. It was suggested that the names of those attending be added to the minutes. The amended , December minutes will be put up for a vote at the March meeting.
3. The chair showed the new Gen Ed website and suggested that faculty look over the site for their own information.
4. Gen Ed Pilot Assessment Project Discussion
 - A. The following are some of the comments at today's meeting:
 - Discussed rubrics: how were they developed, tested, how many schools use them. These websites should provide answers:
<http://www.aacu.org/leap/> <http://www.aacu.org/value/>
 - Readers for the pilot assessment project normed papers together
 - It would be interesting to see how students, for example in BCC's General Psychology, compare to students taking the same class at a 4-year institute (not part of our present assessment project)
 - Is this assessment only for us? Yes, it is. It is to help us learn more about our Gen Ed program and to improve it if needed. The data is not being sent elsewhere.
 - Middle States and Gen Ed assessment: Middle States does not prescribe what a good assessment project is. They look to see that assessment is happening regularly and that we are using assessment for continuous improvement. (See Middle States Characteristics of Excellence in Higher Education
<http://www.msche.org/publications/CHX06060320124919.pdf>)
 - B. Suggestions to the process:

- The chair will resend the rubrics to the Gen Ed and Gen Ed pilot assessment readers to ask whether changes should be made to the rubrics before we ask for faculty to participate in the spring Gen Ed assessment project.
- C. March Meeting:
- The committee agreed to invite all faculty to the March meeting to increase awareness and support for the Gen Ed assessment project. Coffee and cookies will be served.
5. Senate Taskforce on General Education:
- A Committee was formed. Andrew Krikun is chair.
 - This committee will look at issues including transferability and number of Gen Ed courses.
6. Other: Faculty Summit on Gen Ed Learning Outcomes at Middlesex County College, Feb. 21st. The Chair will attend and share details.
7. Meeting Adjourned at 1:10.

Submitted by Gail Fernandez