

GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE MEETING
March 12, 2015
Minutes

Attending: Gail Fernandez, Ann Brown, Denise Budd, Joshua Guttman, Christine Eubank, Alan Kaufman, Tracy Saltwick, Andrew Tomko, Gina Hermann.

1. Meeting started at 12:35.
2. AAC&U Conference, Kansas City Update:
 - a. Dr. Yun Kim & Prof. Gail Fernandez presented *Assessing General Education Across the Curriculum* at the conference. There were approximately 45 attendees at the session. There was a lot of interest in our assessment process and especially in the procedure.
 - b. Conference vibe: focus on communicating assessment, doing more with less, core curriculums and integrating courses/outcomes.
 - c. Next year's conference: New Orleans, Feb. 2015. We will try to get a group to attend.
3. Discussed University of Missouri at Kansas City's Gen Ed Core Curriculum, <http://www.umkc.edu/core/index.cfm>
 - a. They use an interdisciplinary course approach.
 - b. Gen Ed Outcomes are related to LEAP Essential Outcomes (as is BCC)
 - c. Does it limit course choices? Can too many choices affect quality of program/institute? Advisement issues. A discussion followed.
4. Degree Qualifications Profile
 - a. Highlighted some parts of the booklet. The DQP looks at what college graduates should be able to do to earn an associate, bachelor's or master's degree.
 - b. Looked at Assignment Library <http://www.assignmentlibrary.org/>
 - c. Tuning Project: (Christine Eubanks)
 - i. Faculty initiative to get two & four –year institutes to create connections.
 - ii. History program at Bergen is involved in this initiative. Sarah Shurts is leading the effort.
5. Gen Ed Assessment Reminders:
 - a. Committee members are sending letters to colleagues in their department asking for artifacts.
 - b. Alan Kaufman suggested that emails be sent to department chairs asking them to discuss it at their department meetings.
 - c. Please remind everyone to send artifacts.
6. Critical Thinking Work

- a. Committee members are bringing it up at their departments. Reception to changing language is mixed.
7. Brown Bag Lunch, April 9th: Dr. Walter will discuss New Jersey pending legislative bills for Institutes of Higher Education:
- a. Plan for county colleges to develop plans to achieve three-year graduation rate of at least 33%
 - b. No more than 120 credits to be required for a baccalaureate degree awarded by a public institution and no more than 60 credits for an associate's degree....
 - c. Performance Based Funding
 - d. County colleges to offer baccalaureate nursing degrees.
8. Meeting adjourned at 1:15.

Submitted by Gail Fernandez