Meeting Minutes of the February 19, 2013 General Education Committee

Present: E. Boczkowska, J. Felix, H. Fuhrman, J. Garr, A. Kulisz, M. O'Mansky, J. Palardy, Z. Rowlands, G. Shebat, G. Sturrus, and A. Tomhave

Meeting commenced at 10am.

Surveys will be sent soon by H. Fuhrman to full and part-time faculty to elicit feedback concerning general education outcomes. The surveys will vary according to the content area of the faculty member. The review team for the surveys is Fuhrman, Sturrus, and...?

A discussion of the proposals from Math included questions about state cut scores and the Ohio Transfer Module (OTM). Generally speaking, the Math proposals are an effort to better align the YSU math courses with the OTM as well as reducing the number of remedial math courses offered at YSU. Rowlands stated that the University Curriculum Committee is returning the proposals for MATH 1505 and MATH 1510. Palardy will check on the OTM cut scores and credit hours and hold the comments from the General Education Committee on the proposals until the Curriculum Committee's concerns are addressed.

A motion was made by J. Garr, and seconded by A. Tomhave to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2012 meeting. The motion passed.

The proposal from English for ENGL 2600 was discussed. Palardy received no response to his email questions since our last meeting. Some mention of learning outcomes should be included on the syllabus with some discussion of evaluation regarding the learning outcomes. This proposal will be returned to English with clarified submission guidelines.

A side discussion about the improvement of General Education Committee submission guidelines was undertaken. We are considering the first proposals to be evaluated in the new Gen Ed model. The standards will be higher for the new model, and so the guidelines should be more detailed for those submitting proposals. A discussion of COMM 2600 questioned the Transfer Assurance Guidelines (TAGs) area for this course. Cleveland State has a similar course in the OTM under Social Science. Questions 1 and 2 from the Committee were addressed by Earnhardt's responses. Question 3 was answered "no". Question 4 regarded the OTM placement. It was unclear if COMM 2600 has replaced COMM 1530 in all of YSU information locations. A motion was made by Z. Rowlands, and seconded by J. Garr to accepted the proposal to make COMM 2600 a Social Science Domain Gen Ed course.

Palardy will begin to assemble a manual for submission of Gen Ed proposals that will follow State and University Guidelines and include criteria and rubrics for evaluation.

The meeting ended at 11:14am

Minutes submitted by Gregg Sturrus