

Youngstown State University
GENERAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Meeting: November 14th, 2012, 3:30 – 4:40 pm, Tod Hall 3rd floor Conference Room

Approval of minutes of 10-17-12: Motion Tomhave, 2nded Golberg, approved unanimously.

Contact List Development

A list of liaisons to departments, upper-division ROAD courses is being developed. We have 16 of the 64 needed. Please encourage colleagues to serve. They will need to contact Dr. Palardy.

Gen-Ed Course Proposal

FNLG 2660 - Women in the Ancient World (proposed by John Sarkissian, CLASS)

Committee discussed whether the course met Gen Ed criteria for offering as an SS elective. The comprehensive content outline for the course content provided by the originating department showed that they could meet all 3 Los although they specified meeting LOs 1 and 3. Course was approved unanimously.

Criteria for Capstone proposals

We currently have no defined criteria for evaluating Capstone course proposals. The general requirements for capstones are: writing, oral communication, and reasoning critically, and senior level course in context of the major. We need to revise the proposal form to make these criteria more evident.

Ad Hoc Committee – Gen Ed Guidelines

David Simonelli, Joe Palardy, Jeanette Garr, Zara Rowlands will have a planning meeting in finals week and then meet in Spring to revise Forms for Gen Ed Proposals/Guidelines for Submission. The committee will also develop rubrics to objectively evaluate proposals using the developed guidelines. Rowlands will send out a Doodle meeting scheduler to plan finals week meeting.

Assessing Gen-Ed Domains

- Current version is too cumbersome and time-consuming
- Data collected has never been used for any analyses or enhancements.
- Faculty surveys will be sent out in spring for input on assessing Gen Ed domains.
- Consumers of Gen Ed, i.e. faculty who require Gen Eds in their programs and have expectations of skills developed by students, will be asked for input on how well their expectations are being met.
- Faculty teaching Gen Eds in Spring 2013 are being asked to join a learning community, a “a directed research group for a small group of faculty members who will research, design, and conduct a small experiment related to improving student learning” in Gen Ed courses being taught in Spring 2013.
 - Since some Gen Eds are taught solely by Part-time faculty, this may present a problem.
- Can we require Gen Ed Assessment? Although this was done in the past it was eliminated a few years ago. If we require it, we may need to have it approved in Senate.
- Communication and Math Gen Eds need to be assessed. Data is being collected for both at the course level, but not programmatically.

Respectfully submitted,
Zara Rowlands