

General Education Committee Meeting Minutes 3/25/2014

Present: Joseph Palardy (Coordinator); Sally A Lewis (Ed); Phil Monroe (STEM); Peter Reday (WCBA); Guy Shebat (Skills Domain); Julie I Felix (Advisors); Hillary L Fuhrman (Assessment)

Meeting began at 1:15 pm

- I. HAHS 1510 was considered for Gen. Ed. approval
 - a. HAHS had been objected to during the circulation process and the discussion centered on how to handle the course
 - b. HHS moved the course to the Well-Being Domain, changed the course title, and submitted a response to the objection.
 - c. Guy Shebat argued that the course might be better suited to stay in the learning community and might not be suited to be a Gen. Ed. course.
 - d. Hillary Fuhrman argued that the course provides valuable information and is not that different from a counseling course already in the Gen. Ed. Well-Being Domain.
 - e. There was also a discussion on how the course would be for students not in a lower-economic class.
 - f. The proposal was sent back to HHS for additional clarification and information.
- II. Hillary Fuhrman presented a formal motion to adopt the ROAD project to fulfill our VSA (Voluntary System of Accountability) by expanding the ROAD rubric to include all of the AAC&U Critical Thinking Rubric.
 - a. Joe Palardy informed that committee that the necessary changes to the rubric had already been made.
 - b. The motion was passed with additional support from e-mail votes from members that could not attend.
- III. STEM/ART 1530 was considered for Gen. Ed. approval
 - a. Discussion centered on whether or not the course met the requirements for an Arts and Humanities Course given its interdisciplinary nature.
 - b. Given that the course contained a lab, should it be considered a “doing course” and we don’t allow “doing” courses in our model.
 - c. Julie Felix inquired if this course made it into the model, would that let other “doing” courses such as 2d design into the AH category?
 - d. Guy Shebat noticed that it the course had four contact hours per week and wasn’t sure how the hours were distributed.
 - e. The course was sent back to the department for additional information.
- IV. Associates Degrees for Everyone was discussed
 - a. Joe Palardy distributed a handout with information regarding necessary changes to Gen. Ed. should the university move to grant associates degrees to all students.

Meeting ended at 3:00 pm.