

General Education Assessment Committee March 22, 2019

MSU, Room 322

Present:

Krista Prock (at-large non-teaching faculty), George Sirrakos (COE), Angela Cirucci, (VPA), Sudarshan Fernando (CLAS), David Beougher (Academic Dean), John Stanley (GEC).

Absent:

Patrick Moyer, (Student Representative), Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), Gil Clary (Office of Assessment), Robert Folk (at-large teaching faculty), Amy Lu (at large teaching faculty), Crystal Horninger, Yongjae Kim (COB).

Sirrakos called the meeting to order at 11 am.

Minutes:

At our next meeting, the Minutes from February 15, 2019 will be reviewed for approval by the Committee.

Information Sessions:

The first information session occurred on Wednesday, March 20th with one person attending. The second session had 8 people in attendance. Most attendees were from the Mathematics and Physical Sciences departments. They are asking good questions to understand the process. This should be standard practice throughout the year to have information sessions. This will help people be better prepared. Sirrakos is anticipating eight sessions. Discussion followed. Attendees are told what the process is, how things are submitted, confidentiality as to the faculty member involved, and next steps. Sirrakos is planning to send a confirmation to faculty when items are received, and a reminder of the next steps. The next information session is April 18th, 2019.

Middle States Visit:

GEAC and other assessment committees will meet with the Middle States visiting team on Monday, March 25th from 12:45 pm to 1:45 pm. It is asked that the members read the Monitoring Report prior to our session. Prock indicated that the team (2 or 3 people) will be asking questions perhaps about the Monitoring Report or your role in assessment. This is a peer review final report. Discussion followed. Tuesday morning at 9 am is the exit presentation by the team.

Faculty Raters:

A message will be sent by Sirrakos to faculty for volunteers to participate as raters. We are going to have much more student work this round. We will need twice the number of raters.

GEAC Report:

Sirrakos explained #1 and 2 are the same as the last draft. The report was written as if the spring semester had not begun. The Committee members reviewed the report before discussion. On page 4, bullet #5, we will remove "grading". Page 6 is ok. Table 3 on page 13 – cumulative frequency total should be changed to 288. Cirucci has agreed to create an infographic from Section III and IV, and it will be added to the website.

It is noted that first-generation college students have lower results than not first-generation students. Discussion followed. Cirucci will send a brief statement to George to be included in the report. It was asked if the rubric needs to be adjusted. A recommendation will be made to monitor the issue, but not necessarily a resource allocation. It is noted that we have already started doing the recommendations noted in the report.

Page 22 – Sirrakos will reach out to Natalie Snow Cartwright for additional information. Next meeting is April 5th, 2019 at 11 am in MSU 322.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50 am.

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