

General Education Assessment Committee
Mar 1, 2021
10 am, online via Zoom

Present: David Beougher (Academic Dean), Diana Ebersole (VPA), Sudarshan Fernando (CLAS), Liaoliao Li (COB), Amy Lu (at-large teaching faculty), Christine Núñez (at-large teaching faculty), Krista Prock (Office of Assessment), Karen Rauch (Administrative Affairs), Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), Daniel Stafford (at-large non-teaching faculty) and John Stanley (GEC).

Absent: Student Representative, and Amber Pabon (COE).

Guests: B. French

D. Ebersole called the meeting to order at 10 am.

Minutes: The minutes from the Feb. 15, 2021 meeting were presented for review. Motion to approve the minutes by C. Núñez, seconded by L. Li. Motion passed.

Announcements: D. Ebersole announced that she will be stepping down as Vice Chair at the end of the Spring 2021 semester, and encouraged members to consider running for the Vice Chair position.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business:

Election of GEAC Chair K. Prock noted that according to the committee bylaws, an election is not needed at this time. The election was cancelled.

Spring 2020 Report Final Draft: Discussion was opened prior to voting on the final draft. Motion to approved the report by D. Ebersole, and seconded by J. Stanley. Motion passed. The chair will now send the Spring 2020 Report to the Provost.

Sharing Spring 2020 results with Faculty who Participated in Gen Ed Assessment: K. Prock stated that the committee needs to decide on how to share the results, and suggested sending a copy of the report directly to faculty members. D. Ebersole suggested sharing the report with department chairs for dissemination. Discussion ensued.

Updated on Fall 2020 Norming Sessions: C. Núñez noted that A. Pabon asked for feedback on the norming sessions to share with the GEC. She noted that the rubrics are meant to be comprehensive for the course, but no one assignment is going to cover all components of the course to be a comprehensive measure of the SLO. K. Rauch stated that GEAC needs to emphasize that the rubrics are holistic, and that submitted assignments may not fit everything on it. Discussion ensued.

Spring 2021 Category D Professional Development sessions: J. Stanley and George Sirrakos will be conducting these sessions via Zoom for faculty to conduct their own ratings for Spring 2021. The sessions are scheduled to be held on March 24 at 12noon, and April 8 at 11am. Spring 2021 assessment will focus on SLO 4, Category D, and the faculty teaching the course will be expected to rate their own students' work. K. Rauch added that these faculty need to be made aware of how the GEAC assessment cycles work. C. Núñez asked if these sessions are being made mandatory for the faculty whose courses are being assessed, and K. Rauch said yes, attendance should be required, and faculty have agreed to this by having their course included in the General Education program. Discussion ensued.

J. Stanley asked who faculty should contact if they have questions outside the training sessions, and D. Ebersole stated they should reach out to GEAC via the geac@kutztown.edu email, and then the committee members can share the answering of questions. He also asked about how the faculty will be submitting their data; this information will be available prior to the training sessions, as well as emailed out to all the faculty whose courses are being assessed. There was concern that two sessions may not be enough, and K. Prock said she would look up how many need the training so GEAC can discuss potential additional sessions.

Data Pull for Spring 2021 Assessment: K. Prock asked if members had any suggestions on what metrics to look at for this assessment. D. Ebersole suggested continuing to look at how far into the General Education program the students are to measure any potential improvement. D. Stafford stated he would think about this and get back to the leadership with any suggestions.

J. Stanley brought up using DFWI rates, and if those would provide any useful data metric. Discussion ensued. K. Rauch thinks the DFWI rate is good to know and be aware of, but that the committee needs to be careful on how it is used in reporting by GEAC.

As May Arise:

Next meeting is March 15, 2021 at 10 am via Zoom.

Meeting adjourned at 10:56 am.

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