

General Education Assessment Committee March 10, 2023
2pm, Online via Zoom

Present:

Michele Baranczyk (Office of Assessment, chair), Lauren Levine (CLAS), Amy Lynch-Binieck (at-large teaching faculty), Dannell MacIlwraith (VPA), Meg Norris (COE), Megan O'Byrne (GEC), Karen Rauch (Academic Affairs), and Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty).

Absent:

Liaoliao Li (COB), Laurie McMillan (Academic Dean), Feisal Murshed (At-large Teaching Faculty Representative), Dan Stafford (at-large non-teaching faculty), and Undergraduate Student Representative.

Guests:

Bethany French

M. Baranczyk called the meeting to order at 2:02pm. There was no quorum yet, so the approval of minutes was moved to later in the meeting, as a couple members had notified B. French they would be running late.

New Business

Additional Task Signup:

M. Baranczyk shared that all tasks have now been filled.

Full Cycle Report Update:

K. Rauch provided an update. The committee group is still meeting, has completed answering all the prompts, and is beginning to write their part of the report.

A4 Rubric Revision Update:

A. Lynch-Binieck provided an update on the revision work for the writing rubric. The deadline for faculty feedback was met, and A. Lynch-Binieck plans to use the feedback following spring break to work on updating the rubric. She is hoping more feedback will still come in, too.

Data Storage:

B. French shared that she will work with D. Stafford this week to set up the Open Science Foundation (OSF) account.

Bylaw Revision Update:

D. Stafford provided an email update, noting that he submitted a request to Senate about removing them from the GEAC bylaw approval process. Senate leadership plans to discuss this the week after spring break.

Spring 2023 Rating

Emails were sent out to all faculty whose courses are scheduled for rating this semester by M. Baranczyk and D. MacIlwraith. Professors received the selection of students to submit work products for and the instructions on submission. The email also included links to the new rubrics. M. Baranczyk had a question from a faculty member about submitting an online D2L quiz as the work product, and asked the committee for input. L. Levine noted that there is a way to export the quiz as a pdf, and then the faculty could download a result report on the students and submit that with a blank copy of the quiz for assessment. It was noted that there would need to be clarification in the whole test is intended to be used for rating or only some of the questions.

M. Baranczyk asked about the past volume of multiple choice quizzes and tests in previous assessments, and K. Rauch noted that it was not a lot. L. Levine added that her department does that for a few of the larger courses, such as Dinosaurs. It was suggested that Math may do that this semester, since there are more Math courses being assessed, and the committee needs to consider how to rate multiple choice items. Discussion ensued.

M. Baranczyk plans to send out a call for volunteer raters after spring break. These volunteers would conduct the ratings at the professional development day on May 23. She also plans to work with the graduate assistants to plan how to distribute items. She asked committee members to talk up the event among their departments and colleagues, and encourage people to volunteer as raters.

Integration of GEC & GEAC

M. Baranczyk addressed the email that was sent earlier in the week about the proposed integration of the GEC and GEAC to a new committee called GEPAC. K. Rauch added that this is a result of discussions on issues and triumphs of both committees. The leadership would expand to 3 executive members: a chairperson and 2 vice chairs. There will also be more course release time to dedicate to the work of assessment, and it would come out to 6 LHE per semester. This should also help with succession planning and future leadership in General Education. M. Baranczyk is asking for all members to email B. French about whether or not they are interested in continuing to serve with the new committee by March 27, 2023.

Approval of Minutes

Quorum was achieved at 2:10pm. The minutes from the February 27, 2023, meeting were presented for review. It was moved by A. Lynch-Binieck, and seconded by L. Levine, to approve the minutes. MOTION PASSED.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by A. Lynch-Binieck, and seconded by M. Norris, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 2:28 pm