

General Education Assessment Committee

November 2, 2022

9am, Online via Zoom

Present: Michele Baranczyk (Office of Assessment), David Beougher (Academic Dean), Lauren Levine (CLAS), Liaoliao Li (COB), Amy Lynch-Binieck (at-large teaching faculty), Dannel MacIlwraith (VPA, interim chair), Feisal Murshed (At-large Teaching Faculty Representative), Megan O’Byrne (GEC), Karen Rauch (Academic Affairs), and Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), and Dan Stafford (at-large non-teaching faculty).

Absent: Meg Norris (COE), and Undergraduate Student Representative.

Guests: Bethany French, Laurie McMillan

D. MacIlwraith called the meeting to order at 9:02am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the October 19, 2022, meeting were presented for review.

Motion to approve the minutes by L. Levine, seconded by L. Li. Motion passed.

The minutes from the GEC/GEAC Joint Meeting on October, 20, 2022, were presented for review. These minutes will also be presented at GEC, and will be posted once both bodies have approved them.

Motion to approve the Joint Meeting minutes by D. MacIlwraith, seconded by L. Levine. Motion passed.

New Business

Full-Cycle Report Update:

K. Rauch provided an update for the committee. She has worked on the assessment part for GEC, and that subcommittee reviewed what GEAC has so far and discussed ideas on combining the two reports, since GEC is looking at assessment as part of their program review. She plans to reach out to the GEAC subcommittee (D. MacIlwraith, D. Stafford, & M. Norris) to have a joint meeting and continue working on combining the reports from both committees into one report.

Chair Resolution:

As a result of the vote to switch to using a resolution rather than an amendment to the bylaws, K. Rauch presented the resolution at UCC last Thursday, and it was approved. The resolution will be in effect until May 2023. M. Baranczyk asked A. Lynch-Binieck to reach out to APSCUF Rep Council about having an electronic vote on the resolution. She also noted the need for the committee to discuss leadership for next academic year at the next meeting so faculty have time to prepare for the course release and establish any needed course coverages.

There was discussion about whether or not the resolution needs to be approved at Senate, and the committee determined that it does not require Senate approval since GEAC is not a Senate committee. A. Lynch-Binieck suggested that the committee review the bylaws in Spring 2023, and K. Rauch recommended removing Senate from the bylaws approval structure.

FYS Revision Task Force:

M. O'Byrne introduced this topic, and informed GEAC that GEC proposed this task force as part of their committee's efforts to update the FYS Master Syllabus and that FYS is integrating with the First Year Experience (FYE). The GEC has proposed that this task force be made up of members from GEC, GEAC and some current FYS instructors. Discussion ensued. A. Lynch-Binieck volunteered to serve on this taskforce.

Spring 2023 Raters and Gen Ed Retreat

M. Baranczyk shared with the committee that the Provost has approved of the committee hosting a spring General Education Retreat for a day to rubric norming, rating and professional development.

For Spring 2023 raters, M. Baranczyk shared her screen with the committee to review the drafted planning document. Discussion ensued.

M. O'Byrne offered to serve as a volunteer rater, and K. Rauch suggested encouraging members of GEC to volunteer and attend the retreat day. She also suggested having a session during the retreat to provide updates on what GEAC has accomplished in the last five years.

The committee discussed ideas for this retreat, and M. Baranczyk asked that anyone who wishes to work with the planning for the retreat please email her.

Rubric Revision Planning

D. MacIlwraith opened discussion on the rubric revisions. L. Levine will send out the analytical rubric that has been drafted for C1 for feedback. R. Ryan stated that no feedback has been received yet for the C2 rubric, and the request will be resent. The committee discussed planning for revising the remaining rubrics and changing from holistic to analytic rubric styles. It was suggested that the new FYS Taskforce be asked to participate in the rubric revision for SLO 7, since that focuses on assessing FYS courses. K Rauch added that the rubric revision process and feedback could be included at the Spring General Education Retreat day.

ADJOURNMENT

It was moved by D. MacIlwraith, and seconded by L. Levine, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:47 am