

Academic Affairs Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023 at 3:00pm

In-person – Memorial Union – Rice Room

Attendees: Jennifer Ball, Barbara Scofield, Scott Sainato, Patricia Dahl, Corey Zwikstra, Tracy Wagner, James Barraclough, Delaine Smith

Not present: Norma Juma, Lara Rivera

The meeting started late due to a room mix up. It was called to order by Chair, Corey Zwikstra at 3:08pm.

I. Minutes from the meeting held on Monday, January 30, 2023 were presented. A motion was made to approve the minutes by Barbara Scofield and seconded by James Barraclough. Motion passed.

II. Discussions

- a. Gen Ed – draft proposal – Jennifer Ball presented a draft proposal to the committee. She explained the plan/process for getting a proposal submitted through the governance process and the path to WUBOR. It is still the intention to have the new Gen Ed requirements implemented by fall 2024. Clarification was made that correlates would no longer be an option as it is not possible to count Gen Ed as required courses. Gen Ed options would be the same for all departments however there might be flexibility to offer program specific requirements.

There was lengthy discussion regarding English options. Corey Zwikstra outlined the current three proposals.

Discussion continued with regard to science classes, specifically related to technology.

USLO's don't currently align by department but with Gen Ed requirements. USLO's may need to be revised depending on what courses fall into the Gen Ed buckets, especially the institutional hours bucket.

It is the intention of WU101 to become a program specific requirement.

Currently there are some exceptions made for Human Services for Gen Ed transfer classes.

Jennifer Ball asked the members to talk to their departments and determine what they might need to know in order to pass the Gen Ed proposal plan as that will help with this committee's next steps.

III. Announcements – none

There being no further business to discuss a motion was made by James Barraclough and seconded by Tracy Wagner to conclude the meeting at 4:36pm.

Minutes taken by Beth Mathews