

Academic Affairs Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 3:00pm

In-person – Memorial Union – Lincoln Room

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

Not present: Lara Rivera

Guests: Alan Bearman and Stephanie Lanning

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Corey Zwikstra at 3:01pm.

I. Discussions

a. Gen Ed – further discussions concerning Gen Ed proposal

Dr. Alan Bearman spoke with the committee on behalf of CSSR and Enrollment Management concerning their position with regard to WU101 in the proposed gen ed framework. Dr. Bearman explained they anticipate increased enrollment from direct high school students who have completed their Gen Ed requirements through CEP. If this is the case, and WU101 were in the gen ed framework, then those students would be exempt from WU101. If Washburn were to require WU101 as a gen ed it would create retention challenges. It is also not feasible to teach WU101 in the high school setting. There were additional questions for Dr. Bearman and further discussion by the committee members.

The committee moved on to discuss the proposed “task force” suggested in the previous meeting for determining outcomes for the two new gen ed categories of classes (diversity and inclusion and scientific literacy). Dr. Ball suggested that the current Gen Ed Committee, in consultation with area experts, would be the appropriate avenue for drafting of USLOs for the two new institutional categories Diversity and Inclusion and Scientific Literacy. The Gen Ed Committee would then recommend the learning outcomes and they would go through the faculty governance process for approval. The committee discussed how the two classes were selected through the Gen Ed

Discussion Sessions last fall. Dr. Ball also explained that the courses for the new categories would be processed through normal procedures after the learning outcomes were determined, and would go directly to the Gen Ed Committee for approval. No further approvals would be required, as is now the case when a course is reviewed for gen ed status.

Dr. Ball advised that the English department had one additional presentation meeting concerning the three English options proposed. The meeting is scheduled for March 9. As it currently stands, English will likely be recommending Option 2.

Dr. Ball reminded the committee that we would need to have a vote on the Gen Ed proposal during the next meeting which is scheduled for Monday, March 27 if WU is to approve the framework this year.

II. 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