**WIU Council on General Education**

**Minutes**

**Zoom Video Conference, 3:30 pm**

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**November 5th, 2020**

**Fall 2020 CGE Members**

Andrea Alveshere, Chair (2022) Anthropology (Social Sciences)

Lori Baker-Sperry (2021) Liberal Arts & Sci. (Multicultural)

Robert Kelly (2021) LEJA (At-large)

Wanmo Koo (2022) Mgmt. & Marketing (At-large)

Sherry Lindquist (2023) Art & Design (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Tonya Little, Vice Chair (2023) Communication (Basic Skills/Public Speaking)

Lia Petracovici (2023) Math & Philosophy (Math/Natural Sciences)

Yong Tang (2022) Broadcasting & Journalism (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Craig Tollini, Secretary (2021) Sociology (Social Sciences)

Seyfi Turkelli (2022) Math & Philosophy (Math/Natural Sciences)

*Vacant* (Basic Skills/Writing)

*Vacant* (Human Well-Being)

Da’Veonna Campbell Student Gov't. Assoc.

Jim Schmidt C.A.S. (Ex-officio, Dean's Council Rep.)

Mark Mossman Office of Provost (Ex-officio, Provost's Rep.)

Michelle Yager Advising Center (Ex-officio, COAA Rep.)

1. Call to order at 3:33.

2. Minutes from October 22nd, 2020 approved. Motion to approve by Tonya Little and seconded by Lia Petracovici.

3. Additions to Agenda: None

4. Roll Call: Lori Baker-Sperry, Jim Schmidt, and Mark Mossman absent.

5. Announcements: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. CGE recommendations for IBHE Strategic Plan: Prior to the meeting, Andrea Alveshere provided the Council with a draft recommendation. At the meeting, Andrea Alveshere reminded the Council about the email from Amy Carr (regarding the Council providing a recommendation) and said the draft was based on replies from members. Sherry Lindquist had begun revising the draft prior to the call to order and completed the revision with feedback from multiple members. Motion to approve by Sherry Lindquist and seconded by Robert Kelly. Vote: Yes 10, No 0, Abstentions 0. Sherry Lindquist will email the approved version to the Council, and Andrea Alveshere will forward it to Amy Carr.

7. CGE thoughts on Request to Include ICC Associate of Science degree in Compact Agreement: Prior to the meeting, Andrea Alveshere provided the Council with a document regarding a request to approve the Associate in Science degree from Illinois Community Colleges. At the meeting, Andrea Alveshere said a small committee, convened by the Offices of the President and Provost to review transfer student business practices, had requested feedback from the Faculty Senate Executive Council who, in turn, requested input from CGE because of the impact on General Education. The request focused on allowing students with this degree to be considered as completing all General Education requirements, though they completed one fewer course in both the humanities and social sciences than required at WIU. Members were asked to provide feedback, which Andrea Alveshere will convey to the other council or committee. The resulting discussion focused on a couple ideas, specifically that approving this request may serve as a slippery slope for future requests and that the request conveys the message that some parts of General Education (humanities and social sciences) are not as important as others. It was also mentioned that these students still took courses in the humanities and social sciences, and there was an acknowledgement of the supportive arguments provided in the document, particularly that the change would reduce confusion for students and put WIU on par with other regional Illinois universities. There was also the question of how many students might be impacted by this request. Andrea Alveshere said members can email any additional thoughts prior to the meeting with the other council or committee. The date of that meeting is not yet known.

8. Reports

a. Provost -- Mark Mossman, Interim Associate Provost: not present/no report

b. CAS – Jim Schmidt: not present/no report

c. University Advising -- Michelle Yager: Advisers are busy working on registration. There were not enough FYE courses for all incoming first year students this semester. As a result, there was a request for additional FYE courses in the Spring 2021 semester, and many of these courses are also General Education courses. Michelle Yager thanked the departments that stepped up and offered these additional courses.

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee – Lori Baker-Sperry: Andrea Alveshere said Lori Baker-Sperry is waiting for additional assessment reports, which will then be shared with the subcommittee.

e. CGE Chair – Andrea Alveshere: no report

9. Good of the Order: None

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned: 4:51pm.

Next Meeting of CGE: November 19th, 2020

Subsequent Fall 2020 CGE Meetings:

* December 3rd

*Proposed List of CGE subgroups to evaluate articulation requests:*

**Communication Skills:** Little, *Vacant*

**Humanities/Fine Arts:** Lindquist, Tang

**Social Sciences:** Alveshere, Tollini

**Natural Sciences/Math:** Petracovici, Turkelli

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

**Human Well-Being:**  *Vacant*