**WIU Council on General Education**

**Minutes**

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

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**April 8th, 2021**

**Spring 2021 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) *Sabbatical* 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 3:35.

2. Minutes from March 18th, 2021 approved. Motion to approve by Tonya Little and seconded by Craig Tollini.

3. Additions to Agenda: None.

4. Roll Call: Lori Baker-Sperry, Sherry Lindquist, and Mark Mossman absent.

5. Announcements: None.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Review articulation request for ART/ETHNSTDY 2750: Andrea Alveshere said Art History approved this course as an elective because it did not closely match any of their courses. Jim Schmidt clarified this means the course is not close enough for articulation, though it could still be appropriate as a Fine Arts General Education course. There was general agreement among Council members that this course seemed to fit with Humanities/Fine Arts (H/FA) and/or Multicultural (MC)/FLGI.

Motion to approve as either H/FA or MC/FLGI, based on the student’s decision, by Craig Tollini and seconded by Tonya Little. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0.

7. Guided tour of the new Registration 101 class: Michelle Yager said completing the class provides advisors with information about students’ placements and preferences, which advisors use when developing students’ schedules. Students began completing the course last week, with completion taking about an hour. There were a couple of issues in the set-up, as well as adjustments made as students began completing the class, but it is going well overall.

Michelle Yager provided a “walk-through” of the class. The portion regarding General Education started with the Council’s video, followed by a video describing General Education requirements. Students are then asked to list their preferences for two courses for each area of General Education.

Council members praised various aspects of the class, and Michelle Yager said the class can be incorporated into future registration events. Jim Schmidt asked if the changes to Mathematics (addressed in Item 6 of the Council’s March 18th meeting) were incorporated, and Michelle Yager will check. Lia Petracovici asked if students seemed overwhelmed by the course, and Michelle Yager said they do not appear to be because there have not been many calls to the “hotline” created for the class. Da’Veonna Campbell asked how students are made aware which parts of the class are mandatory and how successful those efforts have been. Michelle Yager said the page titles now indicate if the material is mandatory and that change appears to have helped, with more students completing all sections after the titles included the word “mandatory.”

8. Discuss/finalize email to faculty inviting them to consider creating promotional material for their own Gen Ed classes; and inviting them to share what works/what doesn’t work for Gen Ed assessment in their programs: Andrea Alveshere presented a draft of an email to send to faculty members. This email included a section about assessment, and Craig Tollini suggested only addressing the promotional material. Lia Petracovici suggested also sending an email to chairs. The Council members completed drafts of two email messages regarding promotional materials: one for faculty and one for chairs.

Motion to approve of the email messages by Craig Tollini and seconded by Yong Tang. Vote: Yes-8, No-0, Abstentions-0.

Andrea Alveshere will send the email messages to Faculty Senate’s Executive Committee for approval. The email regarding assessment will be addressed at a later meeting.

9. Reports

a. Provost -- Mark Mossman, Interim Associate Provost: Not present/No report.

b. CAS – Jim Schmidt: No report.

c. University Advising -- Michelle Yager: No report.

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee – Lori Baker-Sperry: Not present/No report.

e. CGE Chair – Andrea Alveshere: Andrea Alveshere received the names of the Council members who will begin serving in the Fall. These members will be invited to the next Council meeting. One of the first items of that meeting will be the elections for next year’s officers.

10. Good of the Order: Yong Tang asked what foreign languages are currently taught at WIU, and Michelle Yager said French and Spanish. WIU is no longer offering courses in Chinese or German.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 5:02.

Next Meeting of CGE: April 22nd

*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 (*sabbatical*)

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

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