**WIU Council on General Education**

**Meeting Minutes**

**February 27th, 2014**

Spring 2014 CGE Members

Marjorie Allison Dept. of English and Journalism (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Irina Andreeva Dept. of Mathematics (Math/Natural Science)

Cheryl Bailey Dept. of Communication (Communication Skills)

Rumen Dimitrov Dept. of Mathematics (Math/Natural Science)

Magdelyn Helwig Dept. of English & Journalism (Communication Skills)

Keith Holz Dept. of Art (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Russ Morgan College of Arts and Sciences (Ex-officio, Dean's Council Representative)

Nancy Parsons Office of the Provost (Ex-officio, Provost's Representative)

Diane Sandage Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology (Social Science)

Joanne Sellen Dept. of Educational & Interdisciplinary Studies (At-Large)

Bill Siever School of Computer Sciences (At-Large)

Keva Steadman Dept. of Economics and Decision Sciences (Social Science)

Oswald Warner Dept. of Sociology & Anthropology (Multicultural)

Michelle Yager Advising Center (Ex-officio, COAA Representative)

Dean Zoerink Dept. of Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration (Human Well Being)

**Elected Members Present:** Diane Sandage (CGE Chair, Soc & Anthro), Magdelyn Helwig (CGE Vice-Chair, English & Journalism), Joanne Sellen (CGE Secretary, EIS), Irina Andreeva (Math), Cheryl Bailey (Communication), Rumen Dimitrov (Math), Keith Holz (Art), Oswald Warner (Soc & Anthro), Dean Zoerink (Recreation, Parks, and Tourism Administration), Marjorie Allison (English & Journalism in Quad Cities), Keva Steadman (Economics) ( in Quad Cities), Bill Siever (Computer Science)

***Ex-officio* Members Excused/Absent:** Nancy Parsons (Provost’s Office), Russ Morgan (Dean’s Council)

**Guests Present:** Dr. Daniel Yoder, Dr. Dennis DeVolder, Dr. James McQuillan

**CGE Chair Diane Sandage called the meeting to order at 3:33p.m. in Horrabin 60 on the Macomb campus and with a connection to room 207 on the Quad Cities Campus.**

**MINUTES, INTRODUCTIONS, AND REPORTS**

**Welcome to guests:** Dr. Daniel Yoder, Dr. Dennis DeVolder, Dr. James McQuillan

Minutes from the last meeting on January 30, 2014 were approved with minor corrections.

**Additions to the Agenda:** Magdelyn Helwig asked that we add a discussion of a review of the structure and hours of the entire General Education requirements and courses.

**Announcements:** None

**REPORTS:**

* 1. Office of the Provost – No report.
  2. CAS – Dr. Russ Morgan – No report.
  3. University Advising – Michelle Yager reported that University Advising has just gone through its first external review and is expecting the report by March 14th. She also reminded the committee that April 25 is new transfer student registration day.
  4. Faculty Senate/Articulation Requests – No report.

**OLD BUSINESS--None**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. CS 114—Dr. Dennis DeVolder presented the request to include CS 114 into General Education. There was a discussion about the structure of the document and the need to make it parallel to the original CGE document. Under 3b. Dean Zoerink suggested rewording the justification as an invitation of students of all abilities to enroll in the course. Rumen Dimitrov asked about the course objectives as Math 101 also focuses on sets and conditionals. He noted that there is a lack of computer classes and suggested that CS 101 and CS 214 also be submitted. The group discussed the need for these classes as they would help in writing classes for students who do not have the basics of word processing. Dr. DeVolder said they would consider adding 101 and 214 at a later date. As the group discussed the assessment, they questioned whether it would be written in code or in standard English. Dr. DeVolder pointed out that it would consist of pseudo code and English. Keith Holz asked if there would be a chance for revision. Dr. DeVolder confirmed that it would be possible and Magdelyn Helwig asked that it be reflected on the syllabus. Keith Holz also pointed out that the wording in the rubric should reflect the language of CGE (does not meet, meets minimally …). Magdelyn Helwig pointed out that each goal has a different assessment plan and that it should match the forms on the Website. Rumen Dimitrov pointed out that the justifications in parts 3 and 4 must be rewritten to be distinguishable. Diane Sandage pointed out that there needs to be assessment plans for three goals. Rumen Dimitrov moved to include CS 114 on the March 20th agenda with the modifications suggested. It was seconded and approved.
2. RPTA 112--Dr. Dan Yoder presented the request to include RPTA 112 in General Education. Magdelyn Helwig noted the amount of writing that is required. She suggested that the number of assignments be reduced or at least reduce what the faculty have students revise. She also noted that an extra goal that was listed on the syllabus was not in the proposal. Dean Zoerink suggested combining three and four on the course syllabus. Magdelyn Helwig suggested adding a possible course text or a prepared course packet. Keith Holz asked if this course would be considered a FYE course. Magdelyn Helwig pointed out that it would first have to be designated as General Education. She also pointed out the need for the rubric to conform to CGE language. Keva Steadman asked if the essays would be attached to particular course goals and suggested that the essays be more of a journal. Dr. Yoder agreed that they could be reflective writing pieces. The group agreed that RPTA would be moved to Old Business on the March 20th agenda with the suggested modifications.
3. Discussion of Review of General Education Structure

Magdelyn Helwig began the discussion by describing the work that she and Irina Andreeva are doing on the CAS Review Committee and the need to address some of the issues departments and students are having with assisting students through their programs in four years. She noted that the way the courses are broken up and designated is based on an outdated design. She and Irina Andreeva noted this is particularly a problem for the Natural Sciences. They suggested that we look at other models such as others that are based on qualitative reasoning and quantitative reasoning. It was suggested that Russ Morgan be asked to discuss the issues he has uncovered in the CAS review. It was also suggested that Aimme Shouse be invited to our next meeting to discuss a review with the CGE.

**Motion:**  Magdelyn Helwig motioned to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 5:10.

CGE will next convene at 3:30PM on Thursday, March 20, 2014 in Horrabin 60.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Joanne Sellen (CEG Secretary)

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 20th @ 3:30,** Horrabin 60