**SENATE AGENDA ITEM III.D.1.**

**28 August 2018**

**Annual Report**

**Council on General Education**

 **AY 2017-2018**

Meeting Schedule

The Council on General Education (CGE) together with members of the General Education Review Committee (GERC) convened 15 meetings throughout the Fall and Spring semesters every other Thursday from August 24, 2017 through May 4, 2018. Having received the GERC charge the year before at its September 22, 2016 meeting, CGE continued the General Education Review as well as the moratorium on regular CGE business. (See also the separate *General Education Review Committee Final Report*, June 5, 2018 (filed concurrently with this report).

Membership on the Council on General Education for the past academic year included: Steve Bennett, Ute Chamberlin (Vice Chair), Jongnam Choi (Fall only), Robert Intrieri (Spring only), Jonathan Day (Secretary), Gary Daytner, Keith Holz (Chair from late April 2017), Kathleen O’Donnell-Brown, Betsy Perabo, Krista Bowers Sharpe, David Zanolla, Kishor Kapale, and Mike Lukkarinen.

Ex officio members for the past academic year included: Nancy Parsons (Office of the Provost), Michelle Yager (University Advising), and Kyle Mayborn (Dean’s Council). Lori Baker-Sperry also regularly attended meetings and participated in discussions in her capacity as an intern in the Administrative Internship Program assigned to the Office of the Provost.

Colton Markey served during the 2017-18 academic year as Student Government Association representative.

The Faculty Senate charge regarding the constituency of the General Education Council states “the Council shall consist of sixteen members, including one undergraduate student selected by the Student Government Associations.” With twelve elected members, three ex-officio members, and one student representative active throughout the year, the Council on General Education fulfills its charge for membership.

At its last meeting of the 2017-2018 academic year, CGE held elections for its officers and welcomed the following members newly appointed by Faculty Senate for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Election of New Officers for 2018-2019 (May 4, 2018):

Chair – Keith Holz

Vice Chair – Ute Chamberlin

Secretary – Bill Knox

Appointment of New Members for 2018-2019 (from May 4, 2018):

Pat Anderson

Lori Baker-Sperry

Bill Knox

Todd Lough

Karen Zellman

Note: Kishor Kapale (is on sabbatical Fall 2018, and CGE awaits a one-semester replacement appointment from Faculty Senate)

Assessment data was shared periodically with the Council by Associate Provost Nancy Parsons. This included updates on the departments pursuing revisions to departmental assessment plans. Due to the moratorium, however, almost none of the Committee’s attention was devoted to assessment.

During its April 2018 meetings, University Advising (ex-officio member Michele Yager) reminded the Council that the *General Education Handbook* had not been printed in 2017-18, and also informed CGE that the Office of University Advising would no longer continue to prepare and publish the online version. CGE acknowledged the discontinuation of the *General Education Handbook* with the recognition thatthe same General Education information remains available in the undergraduate catalogue, through the STARS Course Search function, as well as in the new, mobile-friendly S-Guide (initially developed for SOAR).

<http://www.wiu.edu/advising/docs/Gen-Ed-Handbook.pdf>

Courses Evaluated for Inclusion:

No course proposals were considered or evaluated during 2017-2018 due to the moratorium.

Articulation Requests

Despite the moratorium, CGE continued throughout 2017-2018 to evaluate and provide decisions on a steady stream of articulation requests from transfer students. During the Fall and Spring semesters these requests were managed by the Chair working directly with the appropriate subcommittee members who represent the General Education categories. During the summer months when faculty are on leave, the requests were evaluated and processed by the Chair.

CGE considered 18 articulation requests during Fall 2017, of which 14 were approved, and 4 declined. Eight of the requests were from the Humanities, three from Natural Science, three from Social Sciences, one from either Humanities or Multicultural category, and one each from Multicultural, Fine Arts, and Human Well-Being.

During the Spring and Summer, 23 articulation requests were received, of which 15 were approved and 8 declined for Gen Ed articulation. Eight of the requests were from Natural Sciences, seven from Humanities (two with option to count as Multicultural, and one with option to count as Social Sciences), six from Social Sciences (one with option to count for Humanities, and one for Multicultural), three for Multicultural (two with option to count for Humanities, and one with option for Social Sciences), and one for Human Well Being. One request was declined as it had no corresponding WIU Gen Ed category.

For the 2017-18 academic year (including Summer 2018, through August 6), CGE received and reviewed 41 articulation requests of which 29 were approved, and 12 declined.

Other Duties:

Due to the GERC moratorium the council pursued no routine business during this academic year.

Respectfully submitted by Keith Holz, CGE Chair for 2017-18 and 2018-19.