**WIU Council on General Education**

**Minutes**

**501 Stipes Hall**

**December 5, 2019**

**Fall 2019 CGE Members**

Andrea Alveshere, Chair Anthropology (Social Sciences)

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

Greg Baramidze Computer Sciences (COBT)

Keith Holz Art & Design (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Seongchan Kim Engineering Tech. (At-large)

William Knox English (Basic Skills/Writing)

Wanmo Koo Mgmt. & Marketing (At-large)

Gordon Pettit Math & Philosophy (Humanities)

Craig Tollini Sociology (Social Sciences)

Seyfi Turkelli Math & Philosophy (Math/Natural Sciences)

David Zanolla Communication (Basic Skills/Public Speaking)

Karen Zellmann Health Sci. & SW (Human Well-Being)

Ryan Homer 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. Called to order at 3:30

2. Minutes from October 17, 2019 approved with corrections. Motion to approve by Karen Zellman; seconded by Bill Knox.

3. Additions to Agenda: none

4. Roll Call: Seongchan Kim, Jim Schmidt, Mark Mossman, and Michelle Yager absent

5. Announcements: Andrea Alveshere: Spring meeting dates announced, as scheduled by Annette Hamm. Emails sent to Unit A faculty regarding the guidelines and reminders for general education course approvals and assessment.

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Gen Ed course availability for online majors; process for requesting course approval.

Having online majors helps keep programs viable. Andrea Alveshere shared data from Anthropology as examples, including the fact that many of the students are from Chicago and even out of state. It was noted that those with an undergraduate degree will pay graduate tuition when working on an additional bachelor’s degree. Andrea requested feedback on a proposal for offering blended courses, with online sections combined with face to face sections. Such courses could replace having two sections, one face to face and one online, and having to meet the minimum enrollments for each section. The council shared thoughts regarding practical concerns such as student evaluations, and group discussions. Keith Holz shared that in Art, they have stacked courses where two sections are combined, so that the total could exceed the minimum, whereas individually they would not. Gordon Pettit expressed a concern that this option may lead to very few students taking a course face to face, as in his experience, the vast majority of students, including those on the Macomb campus, will take a course online even if a face to face section is available. This is a concern because although he has taught online for 19 years he believes the face to face sections are more effective pedagogically. The classroom experience provides valuable interactions that simply cannot be replicated in an online course. Seyfi Turkelli and Gregory Baramidze also expressed their concern that students would choose online options, but that face to face sections are the better educational option for the student. Wanmo Koo shared that in Marketing, they have “Zoom sections” that can supplement face to face courses. Bill Knox added that considerations about online delivery and possible “blended” course formats may be relevant for contract negotiations coming up next year.

Process for requesting course approval: Lori Baker Sperry and Keith Holz reviewed the process.

7. Reports

a. Provost -- Mark Mossman, Interim Associate Provost: no report

b. CAS – Jim Schmidt: no report

c. University Advising -- Michelle Yager: no report

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee – Lori Baker-Sperry will have rough drafts of reports for the January meeting. Impact reports need to include what has happened rather than merely a plan. Practically, this will be informed by what was on the plan from the previous year. The subcommittee is meeting via email.

e. CGE Chair – Andrea Alveshere: A course request is on the way.

Meeting adjourned 4:52; Bill moved, and Craig Tollini seconded.

Next Meeting of CGE: January 30, Thursday, 3:30 to 5:00, 501 Stipes Hall

Subsequent Spring meetings are scheduled for:

* February 13
* February 27
* March 19
* April 2
* April 16
* April 30

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

**Communication Skills:** Knox, Zanolla

**Humanities/Fine Arts:** Holz, Pettit

**Social Sciences:** Alveshere, Tollini

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

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

**Human Well-Being:**  Zellmann