**WIU Council on General Education**

**Minutes**

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

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**April 16th, 2020**

**Spring 2020 CGE Members**

Marjorie Allison English (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Andrea Alveshere, Chair Anthropology (Social Sciences)

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

Greg Baramidze Computer Sciences (COBT)

Robert Kelly LEJA (At-large)

William Knox English (Basic Skills/Writing)

Sherry Lindquist Art and Design (Humanities/Fine Arts)

Wanmo Koo Mgmt. & Marketing (At-large)

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. Call to order at 3:34

2. Minutes from February 13th, 2020 approved. Motion to approve by Craig Tollini and seconded by Marjorie Allison

3. Additions to Agenda: none

4. Roll Call: Lori Baker-Sperry, William Knox, Ryan Homer, Jim Schmidt, and Mark Mossman absent. Michelle Yager left during first vote for 7. Chris Morrow and Merrill Cole also present through 7.

5. Announcements: None

**NEW BUSINESS**

6. Election of new CGE Secretary: Craig Tollini self-nominated. Motion to approve by David Zanolla and seconded by Marjorie Allison.

7. Consideration of request for Gen Ed designation for QS 100

Merrill Cole provided background of the course. It was taught under a different designation in Spring 2014 and was approved in its current designation in 2015. It has been taught several times since then and is intended to be the introduction to the Queer Studies minor. The loss of faculty who have taught other courses in the minor have created setbacks for the minor, as has the lack of a General Education designation. Without this designation, only students with strong personal motivation appear to sign up for the course, and they do not comprise enough students to fill the course. QS100 is clearly a General Education course because it is multicultural and writing intensive.

A few suggestions were provided, but it was also decided that no changes needed to be made to the documents. Most of these suggestions focused on arguments to present at Faculty Senate. One suggestion was to avoid any description of the course as something people might view as silly or unimportant and to instead focus on why the course is needed and important. Another suggestion was to avoid focusing on the need for a General Education designation in order to increase enrollment, instead emphasizing how the course is great, helps to address WIU’s diversity mission, serves the needs of different populations, and is a clear fit with General Education. Another suggestion was to clarify which aspects of the course were international or cross-cultural, which Merrill Cole indicated were films.

Motion to approve by Sherry Lindquist and seconded by Seyfi Turkelli. Vote: Yes 10, No 0, Abstentions 0.

Student Learning Goals # 1 and #5 will be assessed, after discussion that it is believed #5 should be assessed if possible because of the limited number of courses that address this goal. Merrill Cole and Chris Morrow were told they could contact Mark Mossman or Lori Baker-Sperry if they desired to change these goals.

Motion to approve by Marjorie Allison and seconded by Karen Zellman. Vote: Yes 10, No 0, Abstentions 0.

8. SAGE Report – Lori Baker-Sperry: not present/no report

7. Reports: not present/no report

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

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

c. University Advising -- Michelle Yager: not present/no report

d. Student Learning Assessment Subcommittee – Lori Baker-Sperry: not present/no report

e. CGE Chair – Andrea Alveshere: no report

8. Good of the Order

Greg Baramidze asked if faculty could apply to have a new course (which has not been offered before) gain a General Education designation, and the resulting discussion indicated that faculty could do so.

Meeting adjourned: 4:05

**ADJOURNMENT**

* Next Meeting of CGE: April 30, Thursday, 3:30 to 5:00, Zoom Video Conference

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

**Communication Skills:** Knox, Zanolla

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

**Social Sciences:** Alveshere, Tollini

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

**MC/FLGI:**  Baker-Sperry

**Human Well-Being:**  Zellmann