

General Education Council

October 14, 2015 @3:00pm

Roe R. Cross, MU

MINUTES

PRESENT: James Costello, Rich Sleezer, Amy Sage Webb, Brian Hollenbeck, Kathy Landwehr, Jo Kord, Desiree De La Pena, Catherine Bergman, Steve Lovett, Shawna Shane, Kalyan Chakraborty, Johnny Morgan, Sheila Markowitz, Neil Luo, and Kamal Lamsal

ABSENT:

Approval of minutes of September 23rd were approved with minor changes

Old Business:

- A. Substitution/Exemption and Waiver Forms: The council discussed various aspects of the General Education Substitution/Exemption and Waiver forms such as who fills them out, what should be included with the forms, who signs them and what was working well or is confusing about the forms. Sleezer highlighted a few items and asked for opinions from the council about ways to improve the forms and the processes of approval. Examples included: 1) The ESU course for which substitution or exemption is requested. Or should it be just the general education category and not be tied to a specific course? 2) Department Chairperson's signature should be the Chair of the Department Student is majoring in. That chair should insure that all necessary materials are attached and their Recommendation and signature is required.
- B. Waiver Form: Agenda item was not discussed due to time limitations.
- C. Goals of General Education:
 - 1. There was a short discussion about General Education Goals and how we could edit them to eliminate redundancy?
How do we know if a general education goal has been met? Are we achieving our goals? It shows that we don't have any compressive evidence to state that we do complete our goals. Kord said that there are some faculty that are participating (30-40). She also stated that only 25% are reporting their assessments. Discussion will continue in the future.
 - 2. How do we know if we met the general education goals? Agenda item was not discussed due to time limitations.

3. Issues brought to Associate Dean of LA&S (Sleezer) Agenda item was not discussed due to time limitations.

Meeting adjourned: 4:05pm

Recorder: km

**Next meeting is January 13, 2016 @ 3:00pm-4:00pm
Memorial Union, Roe R. Cross Room**