

General Education Council
November 14, 2018 @3:00pm-4:00pm
PKP, MU

MINUTES

PRESENT: Rich Sleezer, Kim Massoth, Carol Lucy, Qiang Shi, Javier Flores, Amy Oelschlaeger, Sawyer Barragan, Kathy Landwehr, Shawna Shane, David McKenzie, Basil Kessler, Andy Houchins Sheila Markowitz and Joan Brewer

ABSENT: Chris Stone, Clinton Henderson, Kim Massoth, Kathy Landwehr, Shawna Shane and Jo Kord

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 24, 2018: are approved

FACULTY SENATE BILL-

- a. It is believed that the data support our rationale.
- b. Rich provided initial draft of the justification to reduce.
- c. Reduction allows student choice that is unlikely under current model
- d. Jo said to make sure that all undergrad students were sent the invitation. Will give you the numbers of who received. You must qualify the response rate of 12.1%
- e. Goal to get to FS before Xmas recess
- f. Sheila added on point # 3. Back in the day...A. .more departments offered Option A Option B...1 teaching field or 2 teaching fields. Departments adjusted the number of hours. This practice has been reduced considerably. Believes this is important to have this history as some faculty were her when that was in place.
- g. Need to explain that moving forward we need to consider how this should look. Rich has call with Pitt State on Friday. He will visit with her to find out what they did. They were similar to us before they made changes. They took 3 years. Rich would like to speed up this process, if possible.
- h. Andy suggested we focus on one thing at a time. Agreed that the bill is the first step. Then move toward the experimental program.
- i. We need to be able to answer: 1) what is an experimental program and how is it tied to the general education program. We can explain it and not put it in the bill itself. We then eliminate # 6 and the 4 top things this will provide "effective decrease". With those changes we are open to present the bill to the senate. Motion to approve by Sawyer Barragan, Seconded by Andy Houchins. Vote was 10-0 in favor. (Lucy voting proxy for Stone who was absent)

PRELIMINARY 42 HOUR BREAKDOWN (DRAFT):

- a. Bachelor of Education- idea of 42 is a yes. The big issues. 1. Going from 48-42 was no benefit because of two classes were kicked out. PY 211 and SD550. A second teaching field was not an option. 2. Because they meet KSDE there are set courses for gen ed, specifically elementary education. Both elementary and secondary were open to some flexibility. We can make it so with some flexibility in humanities and arts/cultural

competence. Other are pretty well set. Third column offers some more flexibility, hopefully.

- b. Bachelor of Arts- seems like it will do what we intend it to do. Quing received no feedback but believes it's a good mood.
 - c. Bachelor of Science- Carol BSB) looked at it what we think it would impact. Take aways: 1. Our IS students are already getting 2 majors. 2. Rest of department VERY beneficial and believes the students will appreciate the flexibility of the 6 hours. Will get a second minor if not a major.
 - d. Rich: biggest problem with music is completing 2 different degrees Bachelor of Music and then also the BSE and TC requirements. 95% of students are completing with a BM and concentration will have 1 BME graduate this semester.
 - e. BSE does not have as many hours (20 hours less) in Biology or physics.
 - f. Bachelor of Nursing-no discussion
- ...Sawyer believes it's a good recruitment tool.

Another part of this is that we could go to departments that could develop another class in different areas. We can get additional courses. Folks aren't thinking about it. Carol remarked that class sizes will get too large and will demand us to make different classes for students to choose from or we allow for larger classes.

Adjourned: 3:55 pm
Recorder: BK