

# General Education Committee Meeting

## Library Conference Room

4pm.  
4~6~17

In attendance: Rod Ridenour (phone & WebEx), Gary Succaw, Spike Magelssen, Terri Hildebrand, Jeremy Siemens, Arlys Williams, Spike Magelssen

Absent:

Guest: Cristi Ozburn, Norton Pease

Chair: Terri Hildebrand

Debra Bradley taking Minutes for Jenn Anderson

Call to order

1. Meeting Called to order at 4:00pm

2. Meeting Minutes:

- Minutes were not read from 03/09/2017 were not voted on

3. Old Business:

- Discuss Core Changes
  - Valerie Guyant contacted Terri about that with M 105 changing credits to 4 this may not raise credit number for General Eds.
  - With getting rid of Technology Cat VII the total General Education credits will be 33.
  - Technology Faculty do not want to get read of this category. Northern is only university that has this category for General Education.
  - If we keep Cat. VII some programs will go up credits. There are concerns that students are forced to take more.
  - OCHE (Office of Commissioner of Higher Education) has hired consultants to conferee about this. Faculty going to Missoula to discuss more.
  - Jeremey stated he talked to faculty in COTS (College of Technical Sciences) and they are against removing this from Gen. Eds. They believe all students need to know technology.
  - Lanny Wilke stated that student know how to use technology. They use cell phone for all sorts of things, but in actuality they don't know computer technology.

- Not sure of process of removing a category.
- Norton stated we need a formal proposal
- Draft a proposal to remove this from the General Education Categories.
- Talk with COTS then with Academic Senate on how to proceed. Jamie Underwood is the new president.
- Terri stated we need the burden of evidence to show why to leave or take out.
- Terri looked at program sheets and seen those who need it the course is embedded in the program so it not a huge issue to take out.
- Jeremy stated that no one in COTS gave a reason to take Cat. VII out.
- Both CEASN and COTS need to meet so faculty can discuss keeping or removing Cat. VII.
- Terri said she will talk with Jamie and see if this should be brought up in Academic Senate.
- Freshman Seminar
  - Higher ups want this to be a General Education course under Communication.
  - Do we feel this is a Gen. Ed course?
  - Rod stated that Bozeman does this in all the colleges there at MSU Bozeman.
  - How does this effect transfer credits? Some colleges like us do not accept freshman seminar as a communication course.
  - We need a vote for or not for freshman seminar to be considered a Gen Ed course.
    - Jeremy make a motion to that freshman seminar does not fall under the General Education categories.
    - Gary Seconds the motion
    - All in Favor-all
    - Opposed- none
  - Whomever is pushing this to be a general education course need to justify why?
  - Terri will let the Deans know that the colleges need to continue to discuss removal of Cat. VII
  - It was brought up the CEASN (College of Education, Arts & Sciences, and Nursing) has not discussed removal of Cat. VII and freshman seminar.
  - Then table this until the CEASN has a chance to discuss this.

#### 4. New Business:

- none

#### Proposals:

- None was brought forward

Announcements:

- None was brought forward

Next meeting will be start of next Fall term.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Debra Bradley