**General Education Council**

2022 – 2023 Academic Year

**Agenda for the meeting on Tuesday, September 27, 2022, in DHC 151 at 3:30 P.M.**

Zoom: <https://ship.zoom.us/my/gochenaur>

1. Dr. Gochenaur called the meeting to order at 3:30 PM. Attendance at the meeting included: L. Beckman, S. Bergsten, M. Bibby, L. Brown, C. Botterton, A. Carey, S. Cornell, B. Culbertson, Y. Edwards, D. Girard, D. Gochenaur, M. Hartman, G. Innerst, K. Johnson, W. Kubasko, R. Lesman, Y. Liu, K. Lorenz, M. McNelis, K. Moll, D. Predecki, F. Qin, J. Sanders, C. Sipes, J. Smith, B. Ulrich, A. Vassallo, K. Weikel, J. Windholz

2. PREDECKI motioned that the August 30, 2022 minutes be approved. ULRICH seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

MOTION: Motion to approve the 8/30/2022 minutes. **APPROVED**

3. Opening Remarks – Dr. Gochenaur opted to move right into the agenda to maximize the meeting time.

4. Old Business

a. Reports from our Standing Committees

i. Budget (Dr. Shirk) – Dr. Carey shared that one application was reviewed, but it was sent back for more information on assessment.

ii. Assessment (Dr. Weikel)

1. Sending reminder requests for spring 2022 course reports, 56 submitted. Deadline is October 1st.

2. Meeting with departments regarding courses in the W and H goals.

3. The survey for 22-23 (this year’s data) will plan to be open December 5

iii. GEC/UCC Liaison (Dr. Lesman)

1. Curriculog updates – Language in Curriculog regarding General Education is not as clear as it could be. Dr. Lesman will review the language on the new form to be sure that the language re: GE is clear.
2. Adding new courses – Dr. Brown is pulling data to determine whether students are taking courses elsewhere and transferring in. Questions emerged about course capacity

iv. Program Committee (Dr. Lesman)

1. Minutes attached – 9/15/2022

2. Bylaws change – A proposal was made to allow representatives of interdisciplinary programs to have a voting seat on GEC.

MOTION: Motion to approve that each interdisciplinary program have

a voting representative on the GEC. LESMANredrewthe motion.

MOTION: BERGSTEN motioned to approve form an Ad Hoc Bylaw Committee.

CAREY seconded. Motion **APPROVED**.

3. Program Revision updates

a. Survey – faculty / administration – Dr. Lesman and Dr. Smith shared that 100 surveys were submitted. Program committee

b. Handbook revisions – The handbook revisions will be ready for review by the committee for the October meeting.

c. Chair & Faculty Town Halls –9/26/2022 – Good turnout at the Chairs Townhall in particular. Content of the sessions will be covered in the new business section of the meeting.

v. First Year Experience (Dr. Bennett) – Dr. Smith gave a brief update on the committee work. First Year data will be shared at October meeting.

b. GEC Antiracism Task Force (Dr. Moll) – Dr. Moll shared an update about the rubric version. The goal is to have the revised rubric ready for the program committee’s October meetings. Discussion emerged related to how a shift in the rubric might impact the current courses in the D tag, being clear about how diversity is defined, inclusivity of all types of diversity, and how to identify the skillset of antiracism possibly through a tag within the category. Dr. Gochenaur reminded the committee members that a rubric change would be voted on by GEC and then require feedback from chairs and departments across the university. Dr. Gochenaur suggested that Dr. Moll contact the registrar’s office to discuss options for a diversity tag and bring back the information to the full committee at the October meeting. Stefanie Girard raised $60,000 supporting the work of the Antiracism Task Force.

c. Documentation Committee (Dr. Cornell) – Dr. Smith shared that the committee is reviewing where information is housed and how it is shared for access. Consider how the committee uses the GEC website, access through the S drive, and what is the process for sharing information.

5. New Business

a. N Goal (Tag) Discussions – Dr. Gochenaur provided an update of the discussions at the town halls including the options for tags. Option 1) A new goal or tag (N) – GEC discussion for N tag is scheduled for tomorrow’s (9/27) meeting, possible change - Tag changes from N – Natural World, M-Scientific Method, T-Technologies. Option 2) Renamed Sciences & Technology: Natural World (N) and Technology and reduce from 9 credits to 6 credits. Reduce the Gen Program to 42 credits. Dr. Gochenaur asked the question about whether the committee members wanted to change the structure of the GE program. Discussion emerged about the how this change might impact the requirements for students and major requirements, assessment evidence to support the decision, maintaining expectations for scientific method course work, and is a change necessary. The discussion will continue at the next meeting

6. Announcements – No announcements

7. Call to adjourn. JOHNSON motioned. LESMAN seconded. Meeting ended at 4:50 PM.

Minutes submitted by W. Kubasko