

May 7 2015 General Education committee APPROVED minutes

Present: Voting members: S. Rowe, A. Wise, E. D-Norris, S. Buck, E. Osika, S. Christofferson, T. Davis

Ex-officio members: M. Sudeith, D. Janssen

1. Approval of previous minutes
 - a. S. Christofferson motion to approve April 2 minutes, 2nd by T. Davis, vote: 6 yes, 1 abstain
2. Election results
 - a. For the contested Foreign Languages seat, S. Christofferson and L. Osika worked together to compile a list of College of Arts & Science faculty email addresses, and created an anonymous SurveyMonkey voting survey
 - i. Election results: Evelyne Delgado-Norris received 22 votes (winner) and Eddie Gaytan received 11.
 - ii. Moving forward, if this situation arises again, the anonymous SurveyMonkey seems like a useful method, it is anonymous and relatively easy – this is the most votes ever received, so it did result in a higher voter participation. The most difficult part was compiling a complete email list of Unit A faculty.
 - b. List of members for upcoming academic year:
 - i. Updated list of committee members has been compiled by S. Rowe
 - ii. There are still three vacancies for our committee: Math, Business and Health Sciences.
 - iii. Thank you to D. Janssen, E. Gaytan and other GEAC representatives for their service during this process
 - iv. First meeting of next year (Sept 3, 2015) we will hold elections for 2015-16 committee officers
3. Discussion of draft report:
 - a. An explanation will be added to address the “any MATH course above 1200 counting towards a math requirement” to justify our decision and ensure people are aware.
 - b. Next steps for report: decision needs to be communicated to the larger University Community. Possibilities include: an informational meeting to update interested parties, sent to Faculty Senate as a report, send to the UCCC, ultimately to be submitted to Academic Affairs office.
 - i. Final decision on exact plans for release of report will be made at 1st meeting on Sept. 3, 2015.
4. Possible tasks for next year:
 - a. Updating By-laws – specifically in terms of committee representation/membership to increase participation and representation. Ideas: including CHSc *clinical* faculty due to there being hardly any tenure track/tenured faculty in that department. Other ideas: creating a position for each “core” Gen Ed requirement. For example, a representative from “Fine arts” AND “humanities” and/or English comp/communication or a “critical thinking” representative

Meeting adjourned at 1:35pm

Minutes prepared by A. Wise