Date: March 15, 2016, 3:00-4:15 PM
Location: LCWA Conference Room, Jewish Studies Center
Attendees: Kristen Ashworth, Lisa Covert, Gayle Goudy, Jason Howell, Shawn Morrison, Gia Quesada, Jen Wright; Mary Bergstrom, Lynne Ford, Ashley Parr
Recorded by Kristen Ashworth

1. Approval of minutes from February
   a. Minutes approved

2. General education freeze/thaw
   a. Recap: Currently, 2 different General Education catalog years (tied to year of admission/re-admission and cannot change), freeze through 2017 which means that adds a third Gen Ed catalog year
   b. General education requirements and courses are going to be in the catalog beginning in 2016-17 (will continue in the catalog going forward)
   c. 3-year cycle for freezing
   d. Concern: Should the 3-year cycle policy be put before the Faculty Senate? (transparency issue, communication to campus)
   e. Questions to Lynn Ford: Can an email go out to all faculty with this information? Can the Gen Ed Committee website include this information?
   f. Proposal form for next year: Include how change impacts programs, how often it’s offered (avoid “dead courses”), number of students who have taken it
   g. Recommendation from Lynn: Should we review all courses on the list, not just additions or deletions?
      i. Is the course still being taught in the same way?
      ii. Issues with special topics courses
      iii. Form to departments with data on current courses in general education
   h. In April, our committee will move forward with this plan.

3. FLA approvals
   a. Category 1 proposals
      i. RELS 105: Does not fit category 1 (reject)
   b. Category 2 proposals
      i. ARTH 214 and ARTH 215: Send back to department asking to switch them to category 3
   c. Category 3 proposals
      i. PHIL 202: Does this focus on a region?
      ii. PHIL 205: Does this focus on a region?
      iii. PHIL 252: Does this focus on a region?
      iv. Request more information from PHIL dept. about the focus on the region
   d. Issues with special topics courses
      i. Too many changes from section to section
      ii. In category 3, students have to take courses within the same region
iii. Should we disallow all special topics courses?
iv. Decision: Will not allow special topics courses that can change from one region to another based on section