Report: General Education Committee
2015-2016
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The main task for this committee for this year was to complete the Foreign Language Alternative Program plan that was begun the previous year. This involved articulating the Student Learning Outcomes, how the program would be assessed, how to communicate the “recertification” process to faculty, how to proceed with the process, and how to evaluate courses that were proposed for the program. This needed to be done by the last Senate meeting in April.

We looked at several possible assessment instruments and determined that we could adapt one of them for our program; we then looked at the requirements for how many courses to take, which courses would fit in which categories, and what courses would replace which courses a student may have already taken in a language. By the end of the fall semester, we had a plan in place. In January, we sent the proposal to the Senate for approval. In February, Lynne Ford sent an e-mail to all chairs and program directors with the procedures and information necessary for programs to propose courses. In March, during the course of two meetings, we worked through all the proposals, rejecting some that we felt did not meet the requirements. We presented the proposals to the Senate for the April meeting. The Senate passed the courses that we recommended in the second part of the April meeting.

In addition to the Foreign Language Alternative, we began to study how the Math Alternative program would work. We were kept informed of the Math department’s progress by our Math committee member. That plan should be ready for the committee to work on in 2016-2017.

The final major topic of discussion was the process for opening up the General Education Recertification process, to begin in Fall 2016 and be completed in Spring 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

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