Gen Ed Committee Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, 2018.03.28
9 College Way, Room 202
Committee Members present:
    Lisa Covert, Wesley Burnett, Jim Bowring (minutes), Susan Divine, Mary Beth Heston
Ex-officio non-voting member present:
    Gioconda Quesada
RELS visitor: Zeff Bjerken

1. Previous meeting minutes approved by acclamation after addition of Susan Divine to those listed as present.
2. RELS 103 approved by acclamation.
3. Discussion of Curruculoig Forms:
    a. General opinion is all are good - discussion focused on mechanics of use.
    b. Members decided to identify improvements to instructions on left side of forms to make them align more closely with SLOs and to improve the sentence structures.
4. Next meeting is 11 April; Lisa will invite next year’s members for an informal handoff.
5. Feedback from Departments on Gen Ed Month
    a. Lisa reports History affirms 6-hour requirement; History will form Gen Ed committee
    b. Susan reports Hispanic Studies will discuss Gen Ed in April
    c. Wesley reports Economics (as only dept in Business School to do gen ed) sees Gen Ed as assessment = burden
    d. Lisa reports that few departments replied
    e. Discussion: Mary Beth suggested that feedback be used to create framework for similar effort next year; the consensus was that the effort should start in Fall with appearance before Senate; Lisa reported that she did a Fall 2017 Senate presentation as well. Gioconda reminded us that the consideration of 3-year cycles for assessment may go a long way to dampen the resistance to assessment; Lisa said much of the feedback was about assessment even though we were trying to move beyond it as a subject for feedback; we discussed whether having all courses (1**, 2**) in a department was a benefit or not - no conclusion;
6. Student Feedback
    a. Lisa reported that she has requested the results of the Longitudinal Study on Gen Ed, consisting of essays and focus group feedback, and will provide them to next year’s committee
    b. Discussion: We agreed that more thought should be given to how we solicit feedback from students and alumni;
7. Lisa stated that she will draft a summary report for us to review at next meeting.

Note: Due to the fact that the committee was unable to reach a quorum for our final meeting in
April, we conducted our business via email, including reviewing and revising the annual report. The committee chair, Lisa Covert, also conducted an election via email for the 2018-19 committee chair. The incoming committee elected Susan Kattwinkel.