

General Education Committee Meeting

April 7th, 2017

Meeting was called to order at 9:00am

Present: Anderson, Camden; Butler, Emily; Bowers, Clifford; Brewster, Leigh-Anne; George, Andree; Koropeckyj-Cox, Tanya; Lindner, Angela (chair); Lord, Gillian; Radunovich, Heidi; Reynolds, Alison (co-chair); Smith, Brenda

Absent: Akcali, Elif Brophy, Timothy; Colon, Elayne; Craig, Cindy; Currin, Elizabeth; Czarnecka-Verner, Eva; Greer, Creed; Jacobs, Mathew; Krigbaum, John; O’Sickey, Lynn; Poceski, Mario; Rea, Jennifer;

Guest: Griffith, Casey; Shorey, Tobin

1. Welcome
2. Approval of draft minutes from March 3rd, 2017 meeting
3. Courses for review:

| | Course # | Title | Request | Status |
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| 1. | RUT3101 | Russian Masterpieces | H, I | Approved |

RUT3101 Russian Masterpieces

- **Requesting H and N**
 - Required Modifications:
 - Please include the following statement, ‘Time each week will be dedicated to using Russian Literature in self-reflection’
- **Approved**

4. Subcommittee Updates:

- Review Subcommittee

Feedback: the Review subcommittee should have specific direction on what to look for when reviewing requests.

- Need to develop rubrics for requests, will need to discuss this further at the next meeting. Review subcommittee will never circumvent the whole committee, but will offer opinions and recommendation.
- International/Diversity Subcommittee
 - Currently focused on Diversity
 - Current definition reads as out of date compared to peer institutions and contemporary works.
 - Looked at 22 institutions, every SEC school, a number of Ivy League
 - Relying solely on wording, makes Diversity seem like an add-on. Must go beyond the language and have concerted inclusion in Institutional Culture

Recommendations

- Short-term: Make the definitions of Diversity more current
 - Review current GE Diversity syllabi
 - Share updated definitions and wording with departments.
- Long-term: Develop HR workshops on how to update language regarding structural inequality, marginalization, and intersections
 - There are tangible steps that can be taken at this point in time. There is currently no professional development for incorporating Diversity, this should be remedied.
- Assessment Subcommittee
 - Dr. Czarnecka has shared her final report with the committee, these documents are saved in the Office of the Associate Provost for Undergraduate Affairs.