

General Education Assessment Committee
October 15, 2018
MSU, Room 322

Present: Krista Prock (at-large non-teaching faculty), John Stanley (GEC), George Sirrakos (COE), Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), Gil Clary (Office of Assessment), Angela Cirucci, (VPA), Amy Lu (at-large teaching faculty), Sudarshan Fernando (CLAS), Soojin Kim for Yongjae Kim (COB), David Beougher (Academic Dean).

Absent: Robert Folk (at-large teaching faculty), Patrick Moyer, (Student Representative).

Sirrakos called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

Minutes: Motion to approved the September 10, 2018 Minutes by Prock, seconded by Kim. Motion passed. Motion to approve the September 24, 2018 Minutes by Cirucci, seconded by Prock. Motion passed to approve the Minutes.

GEAC Website: Sirrakos will meet with K. Malloy to make changes to the GEAC website.

By-Laws: Sirrakos reported the revised By-Laws are on the Senate agenda for their November meeting. UCC and APSCUF have been asked for a date. He has not heard from them yet. Once approved, GEAC will have a new committee composition

Assessment Plan (2018-2024): We have a six-year plan and will divide into two 3-year cycles. It is more exploratory in nature. Discussion followed. Rather than a benchmark be set, a goal (or expectation) might be set, or a recommendation of what the class should be achieving. Sirrakos asked that thoughts about benchmark data be sent to him. It was suggested that it would be better to collect and analyze the first set of data to establish what our students are able to accomplish. If students are required to take three courses in a particular area, then we could assess where students are at the completion of the first course, we can then look at what we need to accomplish in a value added sense.

In another area, it might be beneficial to assess students in the beginning and then after completion of the required number of courses. This may lead us to discussion and possible evidence-based articulation of the value that we add as part of the general education process. Prock indicated we are asking programs to create benchmarks. If we are trying to come up with a goal, and we inform those goals, we could look at the last two or three years' general education reports. Then we could create goals based on our evidence. Discussion followed. Prock will look to see what our sister schools with similar demographics and general education programs are doing.

Data collection #8 – It was suggested we begin in 2020 and then each spring. Sirrakos spoke with Natalie Snow to see if she can identify students, who took what and their major. She cannot tell why they took a course. Discussion followed. The analysis of data was from the 2017-2018 report. Our raters will be trained for consistency.

Sirrakos distributed two documents. The email to faculty is modeled after last year's request for artifacts to assess. It will be sent to faculty by Wednesday. Another email to raters will go out in about two weeks.

He will contact the Provost for incentives. No D2L drop box will be used because of prior results. Sirrakos requested feedback to him no later than Wednesday.

Next meeting is Monday, October 29, 2018 2 pm in MSU 322.

Meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

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