

General Education Assessment Committee
September 24, 2018
MSU, Room 322

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

Absent: David Beougher (Academic Dean).

Sirrakos called the meeting to order at 2 pm.

Minutes: The September 10, 2018 minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

Welcome: Patrick Moyer is the SGB representative to GEAC, and Prof. Soojin Kim will be representing COB for one semester in place of Yongjae Kim who is on sabbatical. Introductions were made.

GEAC Website: It is hosted by the GEC website. Some of the new general education information needs to be updated. Sirrakos will be updating the site to make it more current. He asked for feedback from the Committee.

Visits by Dr. Corbett (Middle States) and Ms. Suskie (Consultant): Both initially focused on the new general education program. They were very concerned about how we will assess the new program. Middle States seems to be focused on the program assessments. Sirrakos wants to make sure the committee knows our work is good, and we will continue to do so. The MS team did think the new general education program was very good. Discussion followed. We were told to address the issues mentioned in the report from Middle States.

2017-2018 General Education Assessment Report: Mary Eicholtz drafted the report. The Committee is asked to review the report to refresh the scope of the work we are doing. There will be changes based on the SLO's we are following. Discussion followed. Dr. Zayaitz would be willing to meet with this Committee if we would want to talk about the report. We need to make sure recommendations of results are used. The SLO's should look at the skills holistically. We may need to create additional rubrics for various SLO's based on assessment and our results.

By-Laws: Sirrakos made changes based on comments from the Committee. II B – added Division of Academic Affairs and the Deans Council. We could include the GEC, Academic Assessment Council. Discussion followed. The AAC is coordinating program assessment. There are three areas of assessment on campus: administrative, academic, and general education. In II B – changes include where appropriate, indirect. Our assessment currently includes assessing work product by raters. Indirect – pre and post surveys of students. Perception of FYS or faculty perception of the new general education program – or various other data. NSSE has been performed every other year since 2009. It uses both first year and senior students.

II C: Discussion followed – instructional student learning outcomes – change language.

IX B: Sirrakos asked for comments based on the proposed changes. It will be published on the Assessment Office website once approved.

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Sirrakos asked for a vote to accept the updated GEAC By-Laws as revised. Cirucci made a motion to accept the GEAC By-Laws as revised, Prock seconded. All in favor.

Assessment Plan (2018-2024): Sirrakos updated each rubric to conform to new designation.

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F – Articulating assessment plan. In the spring we will collect data. Based on recommendations from Suskie these plans are accelerated. Discussion followed. Science classes may not be available during the spring and we would not be able to assess in the spring. If we want to assess a course in the spring, we could collect data in the fall, but we would need to advise faculty in the fall. Eventually, we will only offer FYS in the fall.

Data collection #8 – Sirrakos will consult with Natalie Snow to clarify this issue.

For the next meeting, Sirrakos asks that members review plan and offer feedback. He would like to formalize the plan by next meeting so he can notify FYS faculty.

Next meeting is Monday, October 15, 2018 2 pm in MSU 322.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

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