

General Education Assessment Committee
Jan. 27, 2020
McFarland Student Union Building, 322

Present: David Beougher (Academic Dean), Angela Cirucci (VPA), Sudarshan Fernando (CLAS), Yongjae Kim (COB), Amy Lu (at-large teaching faculty), Khori Newlander (at-large teaching faculty), Krista Prock (at-large non-teaching faculty), Karen Rauch, Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), and John Stanley (GEC).

Absent: George Sirrakos (COE), and Student Representative.

Guests: Bethany French, Crystal Horninger

A. Cirucci called the meeting to order at 2:05 pm.

Announcements:

No Announcements

Minutes: The minutes from the Nov. 13 and Dec. 11, 2019 meetings were presented for review.

They were moved by K. Prock, and seconded by A. Lu. MOTION PASSED.

Old Business:

Planning for Angela's Absence: Reminder: A. Cirucci is going on leave from mid-Feb. to May. Per the committee's bylaws, the vice-chair, K. Prock, take over this semester. A. Cirucci encourages committee members to self-nominate as chair for next academic year, to carry out the remainder of A. Cirucci's term.

New Business:

Reviewing Fall 2019 Report: R. Ryan asked about where the percentages were coming from, and A. Cirucci answered that it's a random sampling of faculty. R. Ryan suggested that random sampling in this case just creates a smaller sample, and it isn't avoiding bias since there's no bias to avoid. He requested that a standard deviation and confidence interval be added. The committee discussed the oral communication rubric. There was a question raised about a difference of standards for students producing work in their 2nd language, and it was suggested that the committee ask for guidance from the English as a Second Language (ESL) program in the College of Education, specifically asking how they measure proficiency. The discussion continued about how to rate MLS courses effectively and comparisons in rating native and non-native speakers in a language. A. Cirucci will add a new recommendation to the report to research changing the benchmark for oral communication.

A. Cirucci stated she will make suggested changes to the draft of the Fall 2019 GEAC Report, and email new copies to the committee.

How to Implement Recommended Changes to General Education: A. Cirucci noted that we need to get follow-thru on recommendations, but that it is not GEAC's task to implement those recommendations. Compliance this semester was lower than in the recent past, and GEAC welcomes ideas on how to encourage compliance. Lengthy discussion ensued on how to enforce GEAC compliance among faculty who teach General Education courses.

As May Arise: At the 2/10 GEAC meeting, we will have a vote for a replacement chair.

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