

General Education Assessment Committee
Oct. 20, 2021
10am, Online via Zoom

Present: Lauren Levine (CLAS), Amy Lynch-Binieck (at-large teaching faculty), Dannell MacIlwraith (VPA), Amber Pabon (COE), Krista Prock (Office of Assessment), Karen Rauch (Academic Affairs), Dan Stafford (at-large non-teaching faculty), and John Stanley (GEC).

Absent: David Beougher (Academic Dean), Mostafa Maksy (COB), Robert Ryan (at-large teaching faculty), At-large Teaching Faculty Representative, Undergraduate Student Representative.

Guests: Bethany French

A. Pabon called the meeting to order at 10:00am.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 22, 2021 meeting were presented for review.

Motion to approve the minutes by K. Prock, seconded by D. MacIlwraith. MOTION PASSED.

New Business:

Fall 2020 Final Report: A. Pabon noted that the committee will continue working closely with Institutional Research on quantitative data for reports after this one. K. Prock stated that the librarians are proposing and suggesting a CET workshop in the spring on information literacy, in response to challenges on this topic. There were no edits for the report. The chair must send the report to the Provost for approval prior to sharing the report with the University.

Motion to approve the report by K. Prock, seconded by D. Stafford. MOTION PASSED.

Spring 2021 Report: D. MacIlwraith and A. Pabon met with N. Cartwright of Institutional Research about preliminary findings in the data, and A. Pabon shared her screen to review significant data with the committee. The overall average is about 2.6, and it was noted that ACA students are those who are undeclared and not yet in a specific college. Discussion ensued. D. MacIlwraith suggested having another meeting with Institutional Research to better understand the data and SPSS results, and K. Prock noted that R. Ryan on the committee can also assist with that since he is very familiar with statistics and teaches using SPSS

Fall 2021 Assessment Updates: Emails and announcements were sent out to all faculty teaching SLO 3 courses that are up for assessment this semester. There appears to be some confusion and pushback from the faculty. Classes with more than 30 students were provided with a sample size and names of students for the sample, and K. Prock noted that R. Ryan helped with the generation of samples. D. MacIlwraith noted that some confusion existed over honors sections and sampling, and A. Pabon added that they have received comments on logistics, some are asking for

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clarifications, and other faculty questioning the validity of the rubric or unaware the SLO was attached to their course. Discussion ensued.

There is a possible issue with faculty not attending the norming sessions. A. Lynch-Binieck only had one faculty member show up to her session yesterday. A second session will be held later today and recorded to provide to faculty who cannot attend live.

L. Levine informed the committee that lab instructors are receiving assessment notices when it should only be going to the lecture instructors for the science lecture/lab courses. K. Prock said that someone should reply to the email to let GEAC know for clarification; since GEAC goes by the approved GE courses, we do not have a way to tell the difference between those sections. K. Rauch noted there was a similar problem with cross-listed courses, and determining the total size of the class being taught by the instructor.

K. Prock noted that some of the feedback is from department chairs, and was concerned they are treating this like the old general education model and not working on assessment outcomes. She suggested having GEC send out a notice about GE courses. J. Stanley said he has offered to present at ChairNet.

K. Rauch noted that consultants have stated that there are too many courses approved for our general education program.

D. MacIlwraith shared that the D2L course for GEAC is up for faculty to submit work products, and that one professor has already submitted items. She also posted the SLO 3 Rubric.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:53 am

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