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UMM CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
2014-15 MEETING #15 Minutes
April 17, 2015, 2:15 p.m., MFR

Members Present: Bart Finzel (chair), Sarah Ashkar, Donna Chollett, Mark Collier, Stephen Crabtree, Pilar Eble, Janet Ericksen, Pieranna Garavaso, Sara Haugen, Peh Ng, and Emily Sunderman

Members Absent: Mary Elizabeth Bezanson, Judy Korn, Maryanna Kroska, Ricky Rojas, Gwen Rudney, and Sonja Swanson

Visitors: Nancy Helsper and Kellie Meehlhause

In these minutes: Discussion of General Education Program

Approval of Minutes – April 3, 2015

MOTION (Ericksen/Chollett) to approve the April 3, 2015 meeting minutes. Minutes were approved by unanimous voice vote.

General Education Program

Finzel stated that at the last meeting, the committee looked back at the record of Gen Ed discussions in 2011 and discussed the question of whether the themes that came out of that review still resonate. Today's meeting will be a free discussion of ideas. The following ideas were brought up for further discussion:

- A clear and systematic way to match SLOs to GERs is needed, understanding that some SLOs would require a cumulation of classes and/or experiences to fulfill them, rather than one course.
- Allowing some courses to satisfy more than one Gen Ed should be revisited. There is a national conversation going on regarding a ladder of Gen Ed, providing a sequence of requirements taken in each of the first three years. One or two courses in each discipline could be targeted.
- Broaden the Gen Eds to reduce the sense of only one class on campus that satisfies a Gen Ed, like science classes for non-majors.
- Individualizing Gen Ed requirements based on the majors, e.g., a science Gen Ed would not be listed as a Gen Ed requirement on the APAS of a science major.
- Cluster Gen Eds around specific SLOs.
- Revisit foreign language requirement and the ability for students to test out of it.
- A fitness Gen Ed was suggested.

Submitted by Darla Peterson