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**Scholastic Committee
2012-13 Academic Year
April 16, 2013
Meeting Twenty-One Minutes Approved**

In attendance: Jennifer Goodnough (chair), Hilda Ladner, Chad Braegelmann, Judy Korn, Pete Wyckoff, Luciana Ranelli, Ellery Wealot, Jen Zych Herrmann, Jess Larson, Nic McPhee, Steve Gross

Not in attendance: Melissa Hernandez, Zach Kroells, Clare Dingley, Kent Blansett, Brenda Boever

1. Minutes For Review

April 9, 2013 minutes review was tabled until April 23, 2013.

2. Chair's Report

The Chair provided an update on the implementation of the Writing for the Liberal Arts general education requirement. There was a committee discussion on the proposed goals of the general education requirement change, the new ENGL 1601 course that fulfills the general education requirement, and the potential impact on students with transfer credit and on the Scholastic Committee's work (possible student petitions and transfer course evaluation with regard to the general education requirement). Faculty decide if transfer courses substitute for a Morris course. The Chair noted several discrepancies between Dean Finzel's WLA memo and the English faculty WLA memo received by Korn. The first new student registration session will be held on April 18. To date, no transfer courses have been evaluated for WLA course substitution or WLA general education fulfillment, as requested by the Dean. Tisha Turk, writing coordinator for the English Discipline, is on sabbatical, and the Dean has asked that the two parts of the evaluation...course substitution and course general education requirement fulfillment be conducted this fall. It has been stated by both the Dean and the English faculty that English course syllabi will be reviewed by the English faculty when requested by students, but it is not clear if this level of review could happen now since the syllabi have been received or if this part of the process will also wait until fall 2013 when Turk returns to campus. The SC discussed the pros and cons of beginning the review of transfer writing courses before Turk returns to campus. Korn noted that she will be seeking the full committee's advice regarding a transfer writing course or courses satisfying the WLA general education requirement.

3. SCEP Report

McPhee shared several points regarding the last SCEP meeting held on the Twin Cities campus.

- There was some discussion of the fact that there's a minimum English proficiency for undergrads on the UMTC campus but no minimum English proficiency for grad students.
- Three to five graduate programs will go through a new pilot assessment program next year.
- Undergraduate assessment is an important future agenda item for SCEP.
- SCEP may revisit UMTC SLOs (Student Learning Outcomes) next year.
- There will be a discussion of e-education at the 8 May SCEP meeting

4. Retention Coordinator report

The committee was introduced to the report "Retaining of Students" by Jennifer Zych Herrmann, retention coordinator. The committee reviewed institutional retention goals set in the strategic plan as well as retention rates for fall 2009 through fall 2012. Herrmann will send questions to the SC committee to be addressed at the next meeting and will continue her presentation on April 23.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy R. Korn, Scholastic Committee executive staff