

State University of New York New Paltz
GE Board

Meeting of September 4th, 2015

CSB 110 from 12:30 PM to 2:00 PM

Present: Barros, Collier, Deutsch, Hsu, Morrison, Nelson, Newcomb, Thomas, Tsai, Waldo, Walker, Wawrzonek

Minutes: Barros

1. Minutes from the last meeting approved

2. Announcements

- a) There is one more seat available for LA&S on the GE Board
- b) Interim Provost Stella Deen will attend the meeting of Friday, September 18th to answer questions related to GE revision proposal
 - Stella Dean was contacted about the policy on Transfer Students and General Education requirements. The new policy: students who have an Associates Degree will not need to complete extra GE requirements.
 - In the meantime, there will be an appeal process in place if current students with an AD don't want to complete GE requirements.

3. GE Assessment

- Teams of members of the GE Board were suggested for giving feedback/assistance to faculty preparing Spring 2016 GE assessment plans.
- Overview of the categories/competencies to be assessed.
- The policy will be that faculty can request support from members of the GE board, but the Board will not be offering feedback for everybody.
- In their comments to GE assessment faculty have expressed that they don't know what to do until very late. In response to this one letter has already been sent in LA&S. The next letter will be sent the first week of October. By that date it will be clearer who teaches what.
- There was more discussion on how the Board can improve the process of assessing courses for faculty. It was suggested that GE revision would need to address the comments of faculty about assessment.
- The people in the teams (listed in the agenda) will be mentioned in the letter as contact points. The official letter will cc the board members.

4) Middle State Self Study

- It was agreed that the board would discuss and assign responsibilities for the Middle State Self Study in the meeting of September 9th.

5) GE Revisions

- a) Curriculum Committee (CC)

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- The CC wants to meet with the GE Board. They want some clarification about the process the GE Board will be following for the GE Revisions. The CC wants to have input on what it is proposed and to be involved in the process.
- The CC has not contacted the chairs of the GE Board. There is no chair yet for the CC.
- It was suggested that the GE Board should go forward with the GE revisions and not wait until the CC is set up or gives its recommendations.

b) What are the minimum requirements for a GE revision plan? What should the output from our work look like?

- It could be fruitful to have different options (whether separate plans or not) to send to the CC.
- It would be a good idea to have more data. That would help to open conversations.
- The GE Board should start thinking the revisions at the same time it gathers data.

c) Call for plan drafts from the GE Board membership—drafts should be circulated to all before Sept. 23 meeting.

- If a plan is not approved this academic year, the changes voted before would become into effect on Fall 2016.

d) How to get faculty ideas into proposal and build a sense of collaboration in the process?

- Proposal: simple survey sent out to faculty
- Members of the GE Board should ask members of their departments and units to participate, giving their ideas, concerns, etc.
- Some members expressed their concern that the September 23rd could be too soon.
- It was suggested that was voted on in Faculty Meetings needs to be on the table for the GE Board discussions. The GE Board should make clear how is addressing those votes.

6) Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM