

Minutes: University General Education Committee Meeting  
November 19, 2018  
4 p.m.  
HCC 111

Present: Nicole Crowder (CAS; chair), Brooke DiLauro (CAS), Chris Musina (CAS; secretary), Kelly Perkins (CAS), Marie Sheckels (CoE), Debra Schleef (ex officio), John Morello (ex officio), Brian Ogle (ex officio), Tim O'Donnell (ex officio)

Not Present: Lance Gentry (CoB), Farhang Rouhani (CAS), Rita Dunston (ex officio)

Meeting Began 4:07 PM

The committee discussed the question about Digital Literacy, with just announced Amazon HQ2 location in the region. The committee further discussed how our Gen Eds would be beneficial to an employer such as Amazon. There is argument for and against putting something in regard to a large regional employer in the gen ed, and the committee should look at the report on digital fluency, and consider the president's thoughts on this.

1. Minutes from November 7, 2018

Add names of the students whose requests were approved.  
Approved upon that addition.

2. Discussion of request from ODR

Committee discussed the ODR request to create a substitution for the Language requirement, regarding students who do not have an accommodation, but still may struggle with the requirement. The committee felt there was some confusion in whether we are talking about accommodations versus modifications, and felt that maybe this is not the place those final decisions should be made. The committee feels that this should be discussed further with ODR.

3. Discussion of feedback from chairs meeting

The committee discussed the chairs meeting, and feedback received afterward. There was a discussion of the next steps and how to proceed. The committee decided to reach out to departments for further feedback with something written they could take to their departments. The committee reconsidered some of the qualitative data from the faculty survey and also spoke to our understanding of what the worries surrounding a Gen Ed revision could be and what some of the hurdles going forward may be.

4. Discussion of list of talking points/questions for feedback from CAS, COB, COE

Committee discussed possible talking points and questions to share with CAS, COB, and COE, and decided that this should be morphed into a list for faculty.

5. Preparing for UFC meeting 11/28

The committee decided there should be a formal presentation for the UFC Meeting next week which would speak to the strategic priorities issue, specificity about the rough timeline, that there will be open forums and faculty will be invited. Making sure there is a clear and definite connection to the priorities.

UFC meeting starts at 3:30 - Digital Auditorium.

6. Scheduling upcoming meetings

The committee scheduled a follow up meeting for the Dec. 5th 4 pm. in HCC 307. We also further discussed meetings for next semester, deciding on alternating Mondays and Wednesdays, as was this semester.

Meeting Adjourned: 5:35pm