

Meeting of the General Education Committee
September 7, 2020

Present: Brooke DiLauro, Courtney Clayton, Bob Rycroft, John Morello, Tim O'Donnell, Rita Dunston, Brian Ogle, Nicole Crowder, Leslie Martin, Debra Schleef.

1. Announcements & Officer Elections: Courtney Clayton elected to be Secretary
2. Reviewed electronic actions since March.
3. ODR Language Substitution Policy
 - a) Polished language: discussed policy where students can request language substitution through ODR. Sent to ODR for feedback. One we reviewed had ODR feedback. Added an element about transferring in courses. Will develop a form for Gen Ed where students can ask for a course transferred in to be considered for language substitution through the committee.
 - b) Reviewed the course substitution list. Gen Ed Chair will ask Chairs to review the lists. Need to be sure to ask them to consider how often courses are offered and how many prereqs are required for the course. Added language stating that if student is getting credit for a language course, it will count in the first category.
4. New Language Requirement
 - a) Does level IV in IB satisfy the requirement? Language department felt that this should count. Gen Ed committee agreed.
 - b) How can we streamline the process to ensure that high school language gets properly assessed? Right now each transcript needs to be reviewed since it can be four years, with two of one language and two of another. Maybe clarify question for self-reporting. Agreed that it can't just be self-reporting by students. Rita will reach out to see how other institutions are doing this. Tim will look at where this should live.
5. Reviewed General Education Assessment plan for 20-21 (Debra)
 - a. Pointed out that EDUC 491 would not be offered in the spring. Debra explained that this is why it was in bold.
 - b. DGP: assessment tool is not where Debra would like it to be. She is piloting it and will get feedback from people whose classes are being assessed and then bring it back to the Gen Ed Committee.

6. Explanation of new course proposal form (John)
 - a. John showed new system for curriculum proposals/approvals/ etc. Called “CIM”, pronounced “Kim”.

7. Discussed policy for courses approved in new but not the old Gen Ed. Suggested that if student wants to petition, they contact the Chair or Associate Dean. Chair or Associate Dean makes determination if it should move forward to Gen Ed Committee.

8. Upcoming Meetings: 10/5, 11/9, 12/7, 2/15, 3/15, 3/29

Adjourned at 6:10pm