

University General Education Committee

Minutes

March 8, 2023

DuPont 324, and via Zoom

1. Call to order 4:02pm.
2. Present: Marc Williams (CAS - Chair), Leslie Martin (CAS - Secretary), Robert Rycroft (CAS), Debra Schleef (ex-officio), Brian Ogle (ex-officio)
3. Update on change in membership. Provost and Admissions are discussing representation on Gen Ed committee. They will update us.
4. Review of course proposals.
 - A. Diverse and Global Perspectives
 - i. MKTG 370, Ecotourism: This is a revised submission for DGP (SLOs 1, 2, 3, 4.). The committee requests revisions to address with more clarity, for us and for students, how the assignments will accomplish the SLOs.
5. Discussion of proposed reporting process from Debra Schleef.

UMW has assessment plan, but not a clear process for communicating gen ed assessment results, and establishing a response to the results. We had a robust discussion on options for communicating assessment results to department chairs and/or faculty teaching gen ed courses.

Option 1: share data, no analysis/commentary

Option 2: share data with analysis/commentary, ask for some response; like we do with major assessment.

Option 3: share data with analysis/commentary; if deficits noted, each department would complete an action form, with a deadline, Debra would follow up with them regarding compliance, and then would share the action plan with Gen Ed committee.

We discussed who would be asked to come up with a "plan" (departments in which assessment data shows need for improvement), the need to make room for many kinds of responses and plans, and the responsibility for providing support/professional development as needed to any faculty/departments who may want or need it.

Other questions discussed surround frequency of gen ed assessment: should all gen eds be assessed every year? How long should the assessment cycle be?

Additionally, we discussed whether or not all gen ed assessment categories (including FSEM, WI, SI, DI) should follow similar processes, and how assessment of courses taught by adjuncts could be improved.

Discussion of how to make this additional work more palatable, like folding this gen ed assessment work into major outcome assessment work.

We will continue discussion of this plan at next meeting, to begin to get more concrete. Any such plan will go through UFC in Fall 2023.

Adjournment, 5:12pm

Next meeting: March 29, 2023