

**Minutes
of the
General Education Council
March 26, 2021**

The General Education Council met for its regularly scheduled meeting on March 26, 2021 at 3:00 pm via Zoom.

Voting Members Present: Sarah Arrington, Beth Carroll, Mark Coltrain, Jeanne Dubino, Carolyn Edy, Jamie Griffin, Brent James, Rick Klima, Vicky Klima, Melissa Lesbines, Susan Lutz, Matthew Mair, Maria McDowell, Ted Zerucha

Non-Voting Members Present: Kristin Hyle, Sheryl Mohn (scribe), Sarah Zurhellen

Guests Present: Carla Penders

Voting Members Absent: Ed Behrend-Martinez, Herb Brown, Rob Brown, Abhi Ramalingan

ACTION ITEMS:

VOTE 1: YES: 13 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 *Minutes approved as written.*
Minutes of January 2021 meeting

Dr. Zerucha reminded members that the Gen Ed Assessment Summit will take place in May with have a full slate of participants. The Council needs to finalize and approve the rubric that will be used. Changes were made to the rubric following feedback from the pilot trial run. The final version was posted on AsULearn site for viewing in advance of today's meeting.

VOTE 2: YES: 13 NO: 0 ABSTAIN: 0 *Rubric approved as presented.*
Rubric for GenEd Goal 4: Understanding Responsibilities of Community Membership

FIO Items (effective Fall 2021):

-CI/SPE 4900, Student Teaching (Senior Capstone), change prefix to **EDU** 4900

Discussion/Information Items:

Dr. Vicky Klima updated members on the work of the GEARS group. They met this week and will have a rubric for the next goal ready for a vote at the next meeting.

Dr. Beth Carroll and Ms. Sarah Zurhellen report on WAC assessment. To recap, in 2016-17 WAC piloted a rubric on reflection, tested it on portfolios from RC 1000 and RC 2001 courses. Following the pilot, WAC consultants spent a year researching the relationship between metacognition and knowledge transfer, longitudinal assessment, and the use of reflection to support disciplinary writing practice. In 2019, WAC completed the second half of the original longitudinal study, which covered readings of WID and capstone courses reflective artifacts using an expanded rubric. In 2020, both the methodology and reflection rubric were revised and the longitudinal study was tried again. Based on feedback, WAC is planning a course re-design institute focusing on WID and capstone courses, hopefully to be held in May of this year.

Dr. Zerucha recognized council member Dr. Sarah Arrington for all of her tireless contribution to the Council. She will be moving from Biology Department to a new position in the Center for Academic Excellence, so she will be leaving the Council. She will be missed.

Dr. Zerucha reminded members that the April meeting will include voting on a large number of course renewals.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Submitted by,
Sheryl Mohn, Scribe