

General Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, October 26, 2017
3:00 p.m. Fireside Room

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Bittner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxi Redd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> John Yu
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Borg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Schurig	<input type="checkbox"/> [Agriculture – vacant]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lenore Frigo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Thorson	<input type="checkbox"/> [Student Services – vacant]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Hollingsworth	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jessica Tyson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guests: Susan Wyche, BAITS
<input type="checkbox"/> Angela Nitsche	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Susan Westler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mindy Marlett, Counseling

1. **Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 3:02pm by Carolyn Borg.

2. **Approval of Minutes from 9-28-17**

Additions? – No Yes

Susan Westler moved and Roxi Redd seconded to approve the minutes of the Sept. 28, 2017 meeting. Approved unanimously.

3. **Opportunity for Public Comment - None**

3. **CMST 54H IGETC denial – response from UC**

CMST 54H was denied because the COR was missing rhetorical principles and faculty evaluated presentations. It was discovered that CMST 54 had the same issues, so they have a year to add these items to that COR as well, and Robb Lightfoot and Shelly Presnell are working on this. CMST 54H is approved for CSU but not for IGETC.

4. **Sample course outline ideas**

Carolyn talked about course outlines, not as an action item, but for information. She emailed some outlines to the Committee with the Agenda and talked about other colleges who are proposing new and interesting courses for GE. HIST 17A and HIST 17B have been around for many years and is the only option at Shasta College to complete the US codes area for students transferring to CSU. Carolyn distributed course outlines to area faculty for: *History of Minorities, Racial and Ethnic Groups in United States History, Honors – Women in America, American Pop Culture* and *Tai Chi for Health*. These all are CSU GE approved at another community college campus.

5. **Guided Pathways Discussion**

Shasta College is gearing up for guided pathways. There are four pillars of the pathway program, and clear pathways to degrees are needed. Carolyn distributed some samples of pathways that are used in Counseling and asked the Committee what they think about creating pathways. BOLD is a pathway program—the most specific one we have. Which GE courses will be the most relevant for a specific industry, such as Nursing or Early Childhood Education? Do we leave this open to faculty who create the program? The GE Committee probably needs to give some guidance along these lines. John said if we are too prescriptive we might hinder student success. Lauren agreed with John and said we need to give students choices. Jessica said it would be good to suggest courses that are relevant to specific patterns. We need to have options.

The purpose of GE is for students to take something beyond their regular course work to broaden their education so they won't be too narrowly focused. It was asked if we might create

scheduling problems by listing specific GE classes. Carolyn suggested we may want to identify first semester courses. Not every major has an introductory course.

The Pathways Program is a five year grant, but most of the funding comes in the first two years. Where are we as a campus and where do we want to go? It is up to the faculty to say what is important for GE. As programs are re-worked, pathways can be developed for the programs, and it's important to make the pathways clear. Class availability is also important, and communication is key. Counselors need to help students select courses. Carolyn said they may recommend a GE course while giving flexibility to the students. A GE course in a category could be suggested but perhaps not a specific course. It was asked if a variety of different pathways can be developed. The consensus of the committee was that GE courses not be predetermined for students.

Carolyn noted that we currently don't have four-semester pathway plans for ART, MUS, THTR, HOSP, CULA, or ECE. It was noted that in the past someone was responsible to create the one-page four-semester pathways, with fall/spring offerings and faculty had to sign off on them each year. This was helpful because someone was in charge of making sure they were set up and available for counselors and students. Hopefully the grant money will create this type of program again.

Lenore suggested revamping the website and catalog would be even more important and helpful than pathways.

Another aspect Carolyn suggested that might be considered when developing pathways is the job market for students when their education is completed.

6. **Other?** Carolyn said there may be a couple of new courses coming up for GE consideration.
7. **Next Meetings – Thursday, Nov. 30 and Dec. 7th, 3pm.** The deadline for CSU and IGETC submissions is December 8th.

Susan Westler moved to adjourn, seconded by Roxi Redd, approved. Adjourned at 3:48pm.

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