

General Education Committee Meeting
Thursday, December 8, 2016
3:00 p.m. Fireside Room

Present:

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Marv Abts	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Frank Nigro	<input type="checkbox"/> [Agriculture – vacant]
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bob Bittner	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Roxie Redd	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Guests: Will Breitbach
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Carolyn Borg	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Casey Schurig	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Robb Lightfoot
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lenore Frigo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Greg Thorson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Shelly Presnell
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Lauren Hollingsworth	<input type="checkbox"/> Susan Westler	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Terry Turner

1. **Welcome**

Meeting called to order at 3:01pm by Carolyn Borg.

2. **Approval of Minutes from 11-10-16**

Additions? – No Yes

Lenore Frigo moved and Roxie Redd seconded to approve the minutes of the November 10, 2016 meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously, with no corrections or additions.

3. **CMST 10 – Interpersonal Communication** (proposed move from CSU Category D back to A1 Oral Communication)

CMST 10 was in the A1 Oral Communication area for years and then the State got much more prescriptive about faculty evaluated speeches. It has gone back and forth and eventually CSU moved it out of A-1 and into Area D. The primary faculty member revised the course to qualify for A1. The Department is not all in agreement, and the Curriculum Committee approved the revision with little allowance for GE discussion. Carolyn Borg said the course outline is in order for CSU-A1.

Terry Turner gave some history about State requirements as well as Chico State and Sacramento State. She believes that having three A-1 classes available is better for students and will aid getting them through the system more quickly. She said CMST 10 is a gateway class and firmly believes that its A-1 status should be restored. Carolyn Borg said that statewide the majority of schools have their Interpersonal course under A-1, but one-third of them do not. Terry added that historically it's been the practice that if the major instructor of a course is in support of a change, it can go forward, and she has been the major instructor of this class for a long time.

Carolyn said that Peggy Moore asked us to table this until the new ACSS Dean is here. She said we can ask the reviewers in January or February to pull it if the new Dean says it should not go forward. It was asked if it would be for Fall 2017 if it is submitted now. Yes. And if submitted next December, it would be for Fall 2018.

Shelly Presnell said she and Robb Lightfoot have also taught CMST 10. She said they need to have the Department agree on what constitutes A-1, and it is premature to be at the GE Committee when the Department hasn't figured that out. Carolyn asked why these types of discussions did not happen earlier this year. It was agreed in September to have additional meetings, but these did not take place. They did not have a precedent for debating a departmental disagreement at the Curriculum Committee. Shelly asked what value is there in taking content out of an interpersonal course in order to infuse public speaking.

Robb Lightfoot said he is currently out on sabbatical leave but came in for this meeting. He said while Terry is concerned about enrollment, the enrollment numbers are there. He has had the opportunity to look at A-1 courses at College of the Siskiyous and at Santa Barbara City College

and met and interviewed people regarding A-1. We need to lay this out so that everyone teaches the same content. As we decide to do a better job with that, CMST 10 will probably change over time, but the Department is not of one mind on this. He is concerned that if we head down this path, it will take the place of a public speaking class for many students. When students transfer, they will be competing with students with great skills who have been solidly backed in public speaking. We just aren't ready. Oral communication is the new go-to skill. The concern he heard is that we are not getting the enrollment we should. Jim Warnemuende of Long Beach City College said they're building relationships around nursing and other disciplines with the course in 'Area D'. It was asked if we want to follow best practices, or do we just want something we can put out there that no one will complain about?

Carolyn asked why we do not want it in A-1. Shelly responded that the issue is how can there be three faculty evaluated student speeches in two weeks. Carolyn said there is nothing in the standard that says you have to have public speaking. It is not a public speaking category, it is an oral communication category. She asked if the Committee wants to delay it for a year.

Shelly asked if it would have a negative impact on Shasta College if we pull it at this time, and Carolyn replied not really. Casey Schurig said the concern is that if this is pushed forward now the issue may not be resolved. Roxie said she thinks it should be talked about and discussed among the Department themselves and making a decision as a group needs to be discussed. Robb added that part of his sabbatical is to look at how we can promote it in the community. It lessens the course to have public speaking added. Shelly asked how student learning can be enhanced to remove interpersonal content so that public speaking can be included. Robb said he does not think removing interpersonal content from an interpersonal course makes it better. Frank said he looked at the enrollment numbers, and they look strong. Shelly added that CMST 10 is still a GE course, and we need to find ways to infuse soft skills. It would be great if this could be contextualized for soft skills for Nursing. These are the types of conversations that we need to have at the Department level. Frank said the enrollment issue is getting mixed up with the content issue. Carolyn said we must have the content to meet the State guidelines. She also does not feel comfortable if the Department is not in agreement. Greg asked if there are any disadvantages to having it tabled. Carolyn said she's hearing that we want to table it and give more time for the Department to discuss. This will give time for the new Dean to come in. Currently there's an approved revised course in CurricUNET, and the Course Outline of Record needs to be changed in CurricUNET by March 1 to reflect how it will be taught Fall 2017.

Lauren Hollingsworth moved and Roxie Redd seconded to table this item so that it can go back to the Department for discussion. Motion carried without opposition.

It was noted that the Bachelor's Degree in Board Policy 4025 needs to be corrected.

Adjourned at 3:45pm.

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