

General Education Curriculum and Planning Committee

Meeting Minutes Wednesday, March 25, 2015

Room GHH 300

3:30-4:30 pm

Attendees:

Bender, Paul (WTNG) Chair	Hall, Michael (SJS)	Koelle, Ruth (Math)	Pasquarelli, Susan (SED)	Updike, Adria (CAS-MNS)
Bosco, Sue (At- Large)	Hawkes, Catherine (CAS- HPA)	McKenzie, Brett (GSB)	Ruocco, Tony (SECCM)	
Fenske, Gail (AAHP) Absent	Jacobs, Jason (ex officio)	McMullen, Sue (Lib)	Spritz, Becky (CAS-SS)	

Meeting Called to Order at 3:35

Minutes: S. Pasquarelli

Motion to Approve the Minutes from the February meeting: Spritz; McMullen,
SECOND

Vote: 7-0-0 to approve

Bender Announcements:

1. General Education Curriculum and Planning Committee Meeting Minutes will be posted on the Senate website.
2. Bender will provide one week between the announcement of a proposal and the call for an e- vote.

Old Business

Report on Academic Standards Committee (student petition):

1. J. Dunleavy individualized Core Concentration in Asian Studies
 - Motion to Approve: Bosco, First; Pasquarelli, Second
 - Discussion of the Motion: Discussion was hosted in online Forum. The petition was recommended for electronic vote with no objections
 - Motion is: Approved
 - E-Vote: 9-0-0
2. C. Ade course substitution in Environmental Science Core Concentration
 - Motion to Approve: Pasquarelli Second: Bender
 - Discussion of the Motion: Discussion was hosted in online Forum. The petition was recommended for

electronic vote with no objections

- Motion is: Approved
- E-Vote: 8-0-0
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3 CISS Guidelines

- Motion to Approve Guidelines for the CISS: Bender, Jacobs Second
- Discussion of the Motion
- Motion is: Approved
- E-Vote: 8-0-0

New Business

4 Environmental Science CORE Concentration Elective Updates (Bender)

- Motion: To approve the addition of electives to the Environmental Science CORE Concentration
- Motion to Approve: Bender; Koelle, Second
- Discussion of the Motion: Minor Discussion ensued
- Motion is: APPROVED
- Vote: 7-0-0

5 Gender and Sexuality Studies CORE Concentration Proposal (Bender)

- Motion: To approve the creation of a Gender and Sexuality Studies CORE Concentration
- Motion to TABLE; Hall, Second- Bosco
- Discussion of the Motion:
Concern with dropping a course from a minor to create a core concentration; Catherine's committee is evaluating the criteria for core concentration, including the "shopping list" type concentration; she suggested that some Concentrations do make sense by just dropping one course from the minor; Bender looked through catalog for criteria for core concentration development; Hawkes suggests there are none with the exception of how a student can create one. Discussion in regard to this specific motion ensued in regard to the pre-requisites and the format of proposal. Bender asked if this proposal is being held to the same standards of other core concentrations. Discussion about standards for core concentration proposal and this proposal specifically ensued.
Motion is: TABLED
Revision suggestions:
Scaffolding student learning by adding GSS 420 "capstone" course as the bookend, therefore making student choice of three courses in the middle.
- Vote: 11-0-0
- **Update:** A revised proposal was circulated and moved to an e-vote without objection (Bender, Pasquarelli)
- Motion to Approve: 9-1-1
- Motion is Approved 4/13/2015. Bender sent the proposal to FSCC via curricunet and notified Dean Jacobs and the proposer.

6. Revised Outcomes (Bender)

- Motion: GECPC requests formal senate approval of the proposed GEC outcomes
- Motion to Approve: Bender -First; Bosco- Second
- Discussion of the Motion: Minor
- Motion is: Approved
- Vote: 10-0-0
- **Update:** Bender presented the outcomes to Faculty Senate at the April meeting. The outcomes were approved.

7. First Year Report (Spritz)

- Motion: To charge the First Year subcommittee with formalizing the academic standards for the First Semester Core Program
- Motion to Approve: Pasquarelli; Bender, Second.
- Discussion of the Motion: Spritz presented the current state of the Academic First- Year Experience at RWU.
- Motion is: APPROVED
- Vote: 10-0-0

8. CORE/General Education Catalog Cleanup (Jacobs)

Jacobs suggested that the General Education language in the catalog needs to be significantly revised and updated to reflect changes.

Motion to adjourn at 4:44pm: Updike; Bender, second

Submitted by Susan Pasquarelli and Paul Bender