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# CWU General Education Committee Minutes - 04/01/13

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**Central Washington University  
General Education Committee  
April 1, 2013 3:00-5:00  
Minutes**

Present: Phil Backlund, James Bisgard, Toni Čuljak, Toni Sipic, Stephen Chamberland and Lori Braunstein

Absent: Kelly Benson

Guest(s): Melody Madlem

Meeting was called to order at 3:08 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda - Toni C moved and Phil seconded to amend the agenda to add a communication from Tony Aronica after Petitions. Motion passed.

Phil moved to approve the February 25, 2013 minutes. James seconded the motion and motion was approved.

Melody Madlem, Faculty Senate Chair - Melody thanked the committee for their hard work. The Executive Committee met last Wednesday and talked about General Education proposal and decided they need to withdraw the motion because it is so contentious and divisive. Withdrawing the motion might help with the process. The general education requirements of an institution should be what draws the faculty together in the foundation of educating students and be a common thread. This isn't a drawing together proposal. The committee can withdraw the motion or the Executive Committee can withdraw it. The Executive Committee hopes the committee will work with faculty and departments so that a lot of the issues they have can be voices and possibly tweaked before it comes to Faculty Senate. There is also the potential to bring in a consultant from outside the institution that can help work through some of the turf wars. Collaboration, forums, meetings so a lot of the issues can be voiced ahead of time to tweak it or inform people before it comes to Senate.

Phil indicated it would benefit the committee to withdraw the motion. Lori indicated maybe going to ADCO and department meetings would be a way to get more feedback. Phil moved that the Gen Ed committee withdraw the General Education proposal at the Faculty Senate meeting. James seconded the motion. Motion passed 3-2 with 1 abstention. Toni will draft letter to the departments, ADCO, Provost Council, and students asking if departments would like someone from the Gen Ed committee come talk to them about the Gen Ed proposal. Also was suggested to have a faculty forum.

Academic Planning Director updates - Lori to see if George Clark can come to April 29<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Announcements - Chandler indicated that the Student Academic Senate only received feedback from their English senator about having problems with the proposal.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Communication from Tony Aronica – The committee received a request from Tony Aronica to invite local alumni to forum on the General Education proposal.

Toni S moved and James seconded to not meet on April 15th unless there are petitions. The committee will meet again on April 29th.

Toni C went through the charges for the year. Year-end reports for last year and this year, policy and procedures, committee procedure manual, Q2S recommendations, timeline for proposal, re-envisioning of Gen Ed.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:43 p.m.

Next meeting April 29, 2013