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Central Washington University General Education Committee February 14, 2011 Minutes

Present: Phil Backlund, James Bisgard, Cynthia Coe, Toni Čuljak, David Hedrick, Sharon Rosell, Tracy Pellett and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: James Beaghan (phone problems), Duane Dowd and Scott Carlton.

Guest(s): John Swiney

Meeting was convened by chair Toni at 3:06 p.m.

Agenda was approved.

James moved to approve the minutes. Phil seconded and minutes of January 24, 2011 were approved.

John Swiney, Enrollment Management – John Swiney gave a brief presentation to the committee regarding how students are admitted and what those students look like. Central has set their admission index at 28. This has been a standard for a number of years used by a number of the Washington universities. The state has now removed a minimum index standard and uses high school graduation requirements instead. Central uses the SAT verbal and math scores along with their high school GPA. An admissions index score of 28 is basically a 3.0 GPA and a 1000 on SAT. This has been a fairly good indicator that a student admitted with a 28 or above should receive a C or better in university courses. 90% of the students are admitted through the admission index and approximately 10% are admitted through a comprehensive review process.

Announcements – It was requested to change the agenda to say First Year Experience instead of Freshman Experience.

IET 201 – The committee discussed the proposal. Reviewed the answers provided by the department. Some felt the course was not sufficiently broad, not scientific enough, rationales are too narrowly defined, and assessments don't seem sufficiently broad. It was moved and seconded to accept the IET 201 course as part of the General Education program. Motion failed and course was not approved.

Gen Ed Discussion – The committee discussed the different proposals. It was decided to look at the Callaghan document and Callaghan memo to Toni. Need to invite the new Provost to one of the next meetings.

First-Year Experience – Moved to next meeting.

Petitions/appeals (if any)

Meeting was adjourned at 5:06 p.m.

Next meeting February 28, 2011