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## CWU General Education Committee Minutes - 02/28/11

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**Central Washington University  
General Education Committee  
February 28, 2011  
Minutes**

Present: Phil Backlund, James Beaghan, James Bisgard, Toni Čuljak, Duane Dowd, David Hedrick, Sharon Rosell, Tracy Pellett, Scott Carlton and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: Cynthia Coe

Guest(s): None

Meeting was convened at 3:12 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda – Move First Year Experience above the Gen Ed Discussion.

Approval of Minutes for February 14, 2011 – Add who was present and absent for this meeting. Phil moved to approve. David seconded. Minutes approved as amended.

Announcements – No announcements

Gen Ed Discussion – Toni provided a copy of the test for students who wish to challenge ENG 101. This test is given once a quarter if there is a student request. Scott indicated that approximately 75-90% of first year students complete their English 101 their first year. Requiring ENG 101 for courses that have a “W” could cause a log jam for students. Some departments wouldn’t have any first year students fall quarter in those courses, which could cause them not to have the enrollment numbers that they need. Toni provided a side-by-side comparison between two of the documents from the last meeting. David mentioned that the draft of the new strategic plan has come out. It might be useful for the committee to review this draft prior to the next meeting to look at what the university is expecting for our students. This can be accessed from the President’s website. Janet will send out the link to the committee.

David observed that if the committee is looking at outcomes based, the courses need to do what is needed to achieve the outcomes rather than being driven by disciplines like social sciences, natural sciences, etc. Dr. Pellett asked the committee to consider the LEAP principles as well in their discussion.

David moved, James Bisgard seconded the motion that, for the sake of discussion, we would strike any specific number of courses from each of the areas as the committee moves forward to discuss the goals. Motion was approved with one nay.

Toni will put together a side-by-side comparison with the correct information and only putting in the basic information not course and number specifics. Dr. Pellett

indicated he had several more LEAP books for the committee members who do not have it.

First Year Experience – Dr. Pellett handed out two brochures of First Year experience and Living Learning and Theme Communities. Dr. Pellett indicated that these type of experiences can tie in much more explicitly within Gen Ed, however, has not been done much here. There is a website that gives some outcomes and assessment explanation. Dr. Pellett feels that this committee could be the leader in pulling these experiences together with the General Education program.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

Next meeting March 7, 2011