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Central Washington University General Education Committee April 25, 2011 Minutes

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

Absent: James Beaghan and Scott Carlton

Guest(s): Rodney Bransdorfer

Meeting was convened at 3:05 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda

Phil moved to approval the minutes for the March 7, April 11 & 18, 2011 meetings. Motion was seconded and approved.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - Sheryl indicated that the student petition from the last meeting has been taken care of through the Registrar office. No other petitions at this time.

Rodney Bransdorfer spoke with the committee about the direction of the general education proposal. He would like to make sure the committee doesn't produce something that won't go anywhere? Rodney suggested having the deans from CAH and COTS come to meet with the committee to talk about the proposal.

Dr. Pellett asked that the committee consider having a proposal that is supported by a variety of individuals on campus and integrating it with student life. One example could be the Civic Engagement Center that could integrate general education with community work. Dr. Pellett indicated that he would like to see at least two deans sitting at the table during the proposal discussions. One of the big problems that occurred with the last proposal was that deans had some issues with being implementable and financially viable. Dr. Pellett is trying to get a meeting with the Provost, Rodney and Toni to talk about the process for a proposal. Dr. Pellett suggested that a faculty development day may be appropriate to get faculty input. Cindy asked what the concerns of administration are as the program currently exists. David suggested that general education is a faculty responsibility. There is a shadow curriculum on campus that is run through Student Life. Phil would like the committee to put together the learner outcomes that have been developed with some context, such as the history of the process, what will be the steps of the process, this is where we currently are within the process and an idea of timeline and what peoples roles will be in the process.

Toni will try and draft something prior to the next meeting. Need to have something ready for the President and Provost on May 9^{th} .

May 9th the President/Provost will be here to talk with the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 p.m.

Next meeting May 2, 2011