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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
May 9, 2011
Draft 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): Provost Levine

Meeting was convened at 3:05 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Gen Ed Discussion – President Gaundino requested that the Provost come to speak with the committee in his place. Duane explained some of the history and background of what the committee has been working on. Provost Levine talked about her experience at Lewis N Clark with general education. There they have competencies and leave the courses open to advisors to develop what students take. There are 5 baseline courses in the areas such as communication, math, English, information literacy, wellness, visual literacy, etc. Cindy explained that the focus is on academic experiential learning. Skills training tied in to the solutions of those problems. The committee is looking at getting rid of basic skills courses as stand-alone courses. There is also a concern about Student Affairs giving academic credit for their programs. Toni talked about the first-year experience being a year-long course of 15-16 credits. The committee would also like to see the hours of 9-11 be dedicated to general education and no other courses taught during those times. Provost Levine indicated that general education is one of her areas to look at over the summer. Looking at changes in general education is a perfect segue to implement the student success proposal. General education could be a topic of discussion at the Faculty/Staff orientation in the fall.

MUS 103 Proposal – The committee reviewed the MUS 103 History of Rock & Roll proposal. There were some concerns that the committee would like to have Professor Peacock answer before they make a decision on this proposal. The committee asked Janet to pose the following questions to him along with inviting him to the next General Education committee meeting.

1. In the General Education Rationale, you listed two program goals that this course will address. Please provide information on how these goals will be achieved through the course.

2. The learner outcomes for the course indicate the students will write essays. How will this be accomplished within the course? How much writing will be required?

3. Is this course being requested as a "W" writing course?

4. In the learner outcome number 4, please provide additional information on how this outcome will be achieved in the course.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Approval of Minutes for May 2, 2011 – Moved to next meeting

Announcements - None

Meeting was adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Next meeting May 23, 2011