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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
January 12, 2009
MINUTES**

Present: Caitlin Baldwin, Gregory Brown, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Duane Dowd, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Patsy Callaghan and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Maya Chachava and Chad Wassell

Guest(s):

Meeting was called to order at 2:05 by co-chair Aaron Montgomery.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Approval of the Minutes for December 1, 2008 – Minutes were approved as amended.

Announcements – Aaron reported on a COTS chair's meeting where the wording on goal #2 was discussed. Several chairs are working on a possible rewording and Aaron has asked they submit those changes to the committee prior to taking it Senate.

Janet let the committee know that the policy manual change will be sent back to committee for rewording. The Executive Committee agreed with the change, but wants it to go further.

History 101 & 143 "W" designation – Greg moved approve History 101 & 143 as General Education courses with a "W" designation. Motion seconded and approved.

Credit requirements for General Education program – Aaron outlined several different options he has come up with for credit requirements.

Method #1 Course based program. Each course would be 4-5 credits, including courses from goal #6. This would require three from goal 2, two from each other goal. Total credits would be 40-50 credits depending on whether they are 4-5 credit course.

Method #2 – This method would allow courses allow to cross over between categories. A course might satisfy category 1 & 2 simultaneous and would not require more credits. This option might have a total of minimum credits.

Method #3 – Each course would be 4-5 credits for goals 2-5. Category 6 could exist of higher credit courses (e.g. a 7 credit course that would cover requirements for two categories). These courses might have normally been 8 credits if the two courses were taken separately. Freshman experience courses could link together a 10-12

freshman in learning community class and include UNIV 101. This method would allow transfer students to come in and take a hodge podge of courses. Discussion about how this would work. Aaron will work on wording on this method and see what it would look like before the next meeting.

Dr. Pellet has a task force on this wanting to adopt a freshman experience.

Breadth areas would be course based and #6 would not be course based. Categories 2-5 will probably be course based. Goal #7 should probably be a course based as well. Skeleton of the program should be course based.

Basic Requirements for General Education program – Not discussed

Patsy's report

Sheryl – Sheryl asked for the committee to review 5-9.3.2.6. Currently the Registrar assumes that the courses indicated in (b) 1-3 must be taken at Central. Cheryl asked for the committee's interpretation of this policy.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Meeting was adjourned at 3:05 p.m.

Next meeting January 26th