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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
February 9, 2009
Minutes**

Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Greg Brown, Maya Chachava, Bobby Cummings, Duane Dowd, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Patsy Callaghan, Scott Carlton and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: Caitlin Baldwin, Cynthia Coe and Chad Wassell

Guest(s): None

Meeting was convened at 2:00 by Aaron Montgomery.

Changes to the Agenda - None

John moved to accept the minutes for January 26, 2009, Sharon seconded and motion was approved.

Announcements - None

Transfer Credit policy interpretation – Sheryl asked for an interpretation of section 5-9.3.2.6 (b). The current interpretation is that the 15 credits must be taken at CWU. The committee agreed that courses can be accepted, if determined equivalent, from either CWU or another institution.

Financial Ramification of the new General Education program – Aaron talked about a concern among some faculty that changing the General Education program could cause a shift in FTE for some departments, possibly causing the loss of faculty positions. Any changes to the program would go into affect Fall 2010 and any potential affects to FTE would not be until 2012.

Statement to the Faculty – There has been some concern among faculty that the committee is conspiring to do away with certain programs. Aaron suggested that the committee put out an open statement as to here is the process, look at where we are at in the process and where do we still have to go. Patsy put together a draft statement for the committee to review. Committee members are asked to e-mail Patsy with any corrections or suggestions.

Credit requirements for General Education program – Not discussed.

Basic/Essential Requirements for General Education program – Committee discussed options with essential skills and the possibility of linking them with breadth area courses. Aaron reported that essential skills may be a sticking point with ADCO.

Breadth Requirements – Last meeting the committee had discussed the program being course based, with so many from each category. Committee discussed the possibility of making decisions based on data rather than guess work. The committee discussed integrated learning and cultural competence requirements. Can a course be taken that is outside the approved breadth courses if it meets the outcomes for the goal? The committee started the discussion about assessment for these courses.

Patsy's report - None

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

The meeting was adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Next meeting February 23rd