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Central Washington University General Education Committee September 29, 2008 2:00 p.m. Minutes

Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Gregory Brown, Maya Chachava, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Sharon Rosell, Chad Wassell, Patsy Callaghan and Sheryl Grunden

Absent: Aaron Montgomery

Guest(s): Mathew Manweller

Meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes for May 19, 2008 were approved as presented.

Introductions – Committee members introduced themselves.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Announcements - None

Meeting dates – The committee agreed that meeting dates would stay Monday at 2:00. Janet will find a room in Barge for the meetings. Below are the agreed upon dates for the year:

Sep 29	Feb 9
Oct 13	Feb 23
Nov 3	Mar 9
Nov 17	April 6
Dec 1	Apr 20
Jan 12	May 4
January 26	May 18
	Jun 1

Patsy's report – The mission statement and goals were approved by Senate at their last meeting in May. All current courses have a place in the framework of the goals. Part of the process will be departments working with Patsy to do the curriculum paperwork once the outcomes have been approved. Patsy will be doing forums this fall as well as speaking with departments about the outcomes for the goals. Faculty will also have an opportunity to contribute online. Course based outcome to an outcomes based program. Patsy indicated there needs to be more emphasis put on the change as part of accreditation. For accreditation on the general education program Central needs to be able to show evidence that this is being taken seriously. Seniors in Music and Psychology will be taking the CLA this year.

John AP indicated concern about getting all the courses approved to meet the catalog deadline.

How and where does the committee go from here? The committee asked for clarification on the next steps in the realignment process and agreed to assist with facilitation of conversations with departments in our respective disciplines. Need to publish a concrete timeline of the steps and concrete examples for each college. Patsy will write up the steps and examples and send them via e-mail.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Mathew Manweller, Faculty Senate Chair – Dr. Manweller thanked the committee for serving on this committee and recognize this is a big load this year. The Executive Committee had conversations with Patsy during the summer. Hopefully the concern about the changes and what curriculum change will take place can be communicated to departments and faculty. One message is that courses will be realigned to fit within the goals and outcomes, not that courses will have to be reapproved.

Adjournment John AP moved to adjourn. Cynthia seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.