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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
January 28, 2008
Minutes**

Present: Bobby Cummings, Patsy Callaghan, Aaron Montgomery, Cynthia Coe, Sheryl Grunden, John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Pat Gross, Sharon Rosell, Scott Carlson and Maya Chachava.

Absent: Chad Wassell and Kiley Baker/Danielle Howard.

Guest(s): Tracy Pellett

Meeting was convened at 2:02 p.m.

Minutes of November 19, 2007 were approved as amended.

Patsy's report – Patsy had sent out her notes to the committee via e-mail.

Dr. Tracey Pellett – Undergraduate Studies – Dr. Pellett spoke with the committee regarding the NWCCU accreditation. He indicated that if the University is not able to provide performance data within the General Education program, it puts the accreditation in jeopardy. He suggested that this committee needed to play a strong leadership role in analyzing what is happening with relation to the goals. Need to assess the goals with direct student goals. There are models currently out there that could be used. Dr. Pellett said that the committee needs to act quickly on this. Assessment of individual degree programs is not the same issue as the Gen Ed program. There needs to be a systematic coordinated way to assess the program and this committee needs to provide direction to the program. There are nine goals in Gen Ed and this committee needs to show leadership on how to standardize assessment of these goals. One suggestion that was mentioned would be the capstone courses within degree programs currently being taught. Use some sort of standardized rubric that could be used to gather student data from these courses.

Committee members expressed concern over the amount of work this type of project would entail. There has been a backlog of paperwork now, and concern of slowing curriculum down. Also some concern expressed over whose responsibility assessment is. A subcommittee of Aaron Montgomery, Bobby Cummings and Patsy Callaghan was formed to work on this issue.

Announcements - None

Course proposals

ENST 310- New course to requested to be added to the Gen Ed program. Sharon moved to approve the addition of ENST 310 to the Applications of Natural Science section of the General Education program. Aaron seconded and motion approved.

ENST 301 & 302 – Change from 300 level courses to 200 level courses. – Cynthia moved to approve the course number change for ENST 301 & 302 to ENST 201 & 202. Aaron seconded and motion was approved.

AIS 102 & 103 – Name change for both courses. – John AP moved to approve the name change for AIS 102 & 103 to delete the dates in the title. Sharon seconded and motion was approved.

DHC substitution proposal – This is a formal request to allow DHC 121 to be substituted for ENG 101 if the student does not finish the DHC program. The English department has approved this substitution. John AP moved to approve this substitution. Aaron seconded the motion and motion was approved.

Petitions/appeals (if any) – No appeals

Meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.