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CWU General Education Committee Minutes - 02/25/13

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Present: Phil Backlund, James Bisgard, Toni Čuljak, Toni Sipic, Kelly Benson, Stephen Chamberland, Chandler Foster, Lori Braunstein, Scott Carlton

Absent: None

Guest(s): Bret Smith

Meeting was called to order at 3:06 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Approval of minutes for February 11, 2013 - Phil moved to approve the February 11, 2013. Kelly seconded and motion was approved with 1 abstention.

Academic Planning Director updates – Lori reported that at the Finance & Budget committee meeting George Drake presented several Responsibility Centered Management (RCM) budget scenarios. One of these scenarios is moving General Education into its own college or department. Mike Jackson, Melody Madlem and Lori are writing a white paper on the three scenarios talking about the pros and cons. They hope to have a rough draft in three weeks. Lori asked about having George Clark come speak with the committee. The committee agreed that George should be invited to their next meeting.

Announcements - None

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

GE Assessment – Bret Smith; Coordinator of Assessment – Bret talked with the committee about assessment in General Education. Currently have some opportunities through technology to create embedded assessment into the courses that are part of the General Education requirements. This is a discussion the committee will continue to have as the proposal moves forward.

Music 104 (see memo)- The Music Department wants to remove MUS 104 from basic skills area of the General Education requirements. Committee approved the removal of this course from General Education.
General Education Policy review

a. Forms – Committee had several recommendations for changes to the forms.

b. Procedure – The committee discussed courses in General Education that have pre-requisites. Was discussion about putting pre-requisites in parenthetical after the course indicating what the pre-requisite is.

c. Appeals – Moved to future meeting.

New General Education requirements discussion – tabled to future meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

Next meeting March 11, 2013