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Present: James Bisgard, Toni Čuljak, Tim Dittmer, Stephen Chamberland, Lori Braunstein, Scott Carlton and Sheryl Grunden

Absent: Phil Backlund, John O'Neil

Guest(s): None

Meeting was called to order at 3:07 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda - Lori asked to add course challenges to the agenda.

Minutes for September 24, 2012 James moved to approve the September 24, 2012 minutes. Tim seconded and motion was approved.

Announcements - Toni spoke with George Drake and Lori Gray about coming to talk with the committee about one five credit English course proposal. Toni will pass on the critical thinking requirements to them, so they can come prepared.

James handed out the Math for Liberal Arts Pathway Math 107 that is currently being worked on by a statewide work group. Maybe consider the MATH 153 or something like this 107 course to be a pre-requisite for the Q classes in B. Quantitative Literacy requirement. Students would not place automatically in MATH 153. James will invite Stuart Boersma to the next meeting on October 22nd to talk about this further.

Committee membership – Toni asked if Cynthia Coe could fill in this fall for Phil Backlund.

Review of proposal – The committee talked about the decision to make Foreign language a graduation requirement. There could possibly be some problems with older non-traditional and students from other states trying to meet this requirement. It would also make a difference if this graduation requirement applied to all students and not just the current BA students. Toni will talk with the Communications department about oral/visual literacy and what they think outcomes might be for these types of courses.
Outcomes for CS & IT 101 – The committee reviewed the current course outcomes for CS 101 and IT 101. The committee came up with some common outcomes for the General Education Program of:

- Create documents using a word processor.
- Create spreadsheets using a spreadsheet application.
- Create a computer based presentation.
- Create a database using a database application.

Lori will check on Access and internet if these are still part of the IT 101 course. Committee will also need to run them by Computer Science.

The committee still needs to come up with rationales for the different areas. Toni will work on writing, mostly done may need to be revised based on next meeting outcomes. James will work on Math and reasoning skills rationale. Tim will write the computer fundamentals rationale.

Scott Robinson has brought forward that TH 375 and 382 are under aesthetic experience should be under literature. The committee agreed this would need to wait until the committee is accepting new proposals.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm