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**Central Washington University
General Education Committee
November 19, 2012, 3:00-5:00
Minutes**

Present: James Bisgard, Toni Čuljak, Tim Dittmer, Kelly Benson, Chet Claar, Stephen Chamberland, and Lori Braunstein

Absent: Phil Backlund

Guest(s): Melody Madlem, Provost Levine, Scott Carlton

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

Changes to the Agenda - No changes

Minutes for November 5, 2012 - James moved to approve the minutes. Tim seconded and minutes were approved as presented.

Announcements - Tim gave a brief committee report at the last Senate meeting.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Continued review of proposal – Committee continued discussion on the current proposal. There was discussion about allowing courses outside of the breadth courses to qualify as W or Q courses. Criteria for W courses will need to be written up using the current information. Toni will write up something for W course outcomes. There was some change made to the Math & Quantitative Literacy language. There were also some changes to the Computer Fundamental outcomes.

Provost – Provost Levine spoke to the committee about some of the past General Education proposals. She wanted the committee to know she recognizes the work the committee is currently doing on the outcomes and working towards getting General Education assessable. George Clark has been working on getting revenue information regarding General Education courses. Currently General Education courses account for approximately 50% of the courses taught at the University. Provost Levine indicated she felt the current General Education mission statement is clear. The Provost spoke about several of the past proposals. The May 2011 proposal she likes the first year experience as well as the experiential learning. She likes the idea of Junior and Senior seminars. She also likes the idea of the name of University Learning. The spring 2005 proposal is very holistic in vision. Information on page 8 has information about faculty attitudes that were done by survey. CWU currently has good learning communities and would rather see the university move towards experiential learning. The Provost indicated she really likes the 2007 proposal. She urged the committee to look at pages 29-35. The 2009

proposal was similar in the focus being on the outcomes with a lot of discussion on the Wikki page.

The Provost let the committee know she has set funds aside to send faculty to a General Education conference if they would like to go. Lori will send the committee information on the conferences she has found.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m.