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Present: John Alsoszatai-Petheo, Gregory Brown, Maya Chachava, Cynthia Coe, Bobby Cummings, Aaron Montgomery, Sharon Rosell, Megan Hammond, James Geaghan, Tracy Pellett and Sheryl Grunden.

Absent: Duane Dowd

Guests: None

Meeting was called to order by chair Cynthia Coe at 2:04 p.m.

Changes to the Agenda - None

Greg moved to approve the minutes for April 5, 2010. Aaron seconded and motion was approved.

Announcements - None

Assessment – This meeting is an opportunity to talk informally about general education assessment. Currently there are no measurable outcomes for general education. Assessment of general education has not been ideal and has been shuffled back and forth on whose responsibility it was. The new program has tried to develop learning outcomes for each goal in the hope to make it easier to assess.

Dr. Pellett reported that the University Academic Assessment committee has been discussing how to assess the current general education courses. Currently there are 9 goals without any outcomes. Fall 2011, CWU will need to provide NWCCU with documentation that we have made significant improvement with collecting assessment data and analyzing that data. The University Assessment committee is working on a timeline for assessing parts of the general education requirements. Dr. Pellett indicated that his office will offer support to help gather this data. In the future, departments can turn data in with yearly reports. Dr. Pellett’s office will pull that data together and bring it to the General Education committee for discussion.

Dr. Pellett indicated that there is still a need to come up with outcomes for the current goals and work on rubrics. Writing seems like one of the areas they may start with.

Aaron asked when department chairs will be told of the plans for assessment. Dr. Pellett indicated that he will start broaching the subject with department
chairs as well as talk with the Deans and Provost Councils. Hope to get a representation across all colleges. Not every course will be assessed. Currently there is a committee working on the writing assessment. They hope to have something developed by June so that data can be collected next fall.

Petitions/appeals (if any) - None

Meeting was adjourned at 2:56 p.m..

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